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THE CALL FOR RECRUITS.

Tonight's great meeting should be marked by a fervor and enthusiasm such as St. John has not yet witnessed in connection with any recruiting campaign. Every citizen must by this time fully realize the danger to Canada, and the urgent need for more fighting men at the front. German armies, after more than a year of war, are still on French, Belgian, and Russian soil. Whatever successes the Allies may gain here and there, and however encouraging may be the prospect of the Balkan states joining forces with them, a tremendous task still remains to be accomplished before the Germans are defeated on German soil. Nothing short of universal devotion to the cause can win the victory. The vital interests of Canada and of every Canadian are involved. The vital interests of civilization are involved. The struggle is between British ideals and German ideals. The former we prize, the latter we repudiate. And yet if Germany is not to win we must be willing to make further sacrifices in men and money, and manifest a still deeper devotion to the cause of liberty and righteousness. We are all proud of the young men of St. John who have gone forward and of those now in training at Valcartier, and soon to cross the ocean to fight our battles. They are going to fight our battles, and to defend the Empire. But they must have assistance. More and more men are needed. The call comes to every young man who is fit and unencumbered. What will be the response?

A WORD TO MOTHERS.

There are many mothers in St. John who have sons at the front, but a very much larger number who have not. Why should one mother be called to make a sacrifice more than another in this war? If two mothers each have two sons free to enlist, why should one consent and the other refuse? How can a mother who declines to let her own son go take any part in a campaign to urge other mothers to send their sons? For what are these husbands and sons who have gone fighting? Is it not for the liberties of all? Is it not for the most righteous cause that ever appealed to men and women of Canadian blood? Granted that it is a great sacrifice, could it be made in a nobler cause? Moreover, our very existence as a free people depends upon the outcome of this war. If Germany wins this country will be Germanized. Have we all sat down seriously to ask ourselves what that would mean for us and our children? In the American civil war the mothers of the north permitted even those of their sons who were new boys to go and all the depleted ranks in order that the slave might be freed. An attempt is now being made to enslave the people of the British Empire, for that is the real aim of Germany in this war. The mothers of St. John and of New Brunswick cannot stand aside in this great conflict without being false to British traditions and false to the higher promptings of their own souls.

THE PEACE CHATTER.

Without knowing the exact purport of the message from the Pope to President Wilson, delivered by Cardinal Gibbons, it is not possible to offer criticism, but if either the Pope or President Wilson deludes himself with the notion that he can do anything to stop this war until Germany is crushed, or if he thinks it ought to be stopped before that result is accomplished, he is not a wise counsellor and he greatly over-estimates his own influence in the world. One can understand the Pope's difficulty, with members of his flock on either side in the war, and President Wilson's difficulty with so many Germans in the United States; but the open violation of solemn treaties, the atrocities in Belgium and the Lusitania murder are outstanding features of German policy which cannot be overlooked either by the head of the Roman Catholic Church or the president of the great republic. The present is not a time to think of present suffering, but of the future welfare of humanity, which is involved in this great war. A peace which left Germany with power to strike again would curse the world. She must be crushed, as well for the sake of her own people as for the good of the nations at large. The Pope knows it, and President Wilson knows it. Why do they not say so, and hasten a victory that would be of infinite benefit to the world?

Follow the band tonight.

All roads lead to King Square tonight.

The speakers tonight at King Square will have a message for every man and woman in St. John.

Young men who desire to enlist will find a doctor and a recruiting officer in the marquee on King Square tonight.

"Handsome is as handsome does." Let us see what Sir Robert Borden will do, now that he is back from England.

Besides buying old plugs and doped horses at high prices the Borden government agents in Nova Scotia appear

to have got \$2,968 more than they spent. There's patriotism for you.

Will that Main street concrete be taken up by a night crew?

Newfoundland will vote on prohibition in November. In every country the question is becoming more and more a live issue.

Is St. John to be governed hereafter by injunctions and orders of the court? How would it do to settle differences out of court?

Nova Scotia has set a noble example in recruiting. New Brunswick is now asked to respond to the same appeal. Let St. John set the pace.

It is reported that Admiral Von Tirpitz is to resign. His successor will not have much to do. The command of the German navy is a sinecure.

Sir George Foster missed his train and was unable to attend the great patriotic demonstration at Napanee. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, though ill, was there.

If the United States consents to submit the Lusitania and Arabic cases to the Hague for settlement every man of murderous instincts in that country may take fresh courage and reach for his gun.

The Standard cannot fool the people by talking about "the Clarke government." The Clarke government is the Flemming government with the exchange of Mr. Flemming for Mr. Baxter. And the Clarke government whitewashed Mr. Flemming after his own Royal Commission condemned him. Only the name has been changed. The spirit and aims are the same, and the public interests are not safe in such hands.

Of the German submarine warfare the Bangor Commercial says:—"A German expert in an article in the Berliner Tageblatt, makes the admission that the submarine campaign has been a failure and demonstrates that some of the German people recognize this fact, although they have been slow to admit it. The destruction of commerce by the U-boats has added much to the frightfulness of the war, but it has failed in its object of driving British shipping from the deep and isolating the tight little island of Albion. Many British vessels have been sent to the bottom but the amount of shipping arriving at and departing from British ports is greater than it was before the submarine campaign began. Germany has failed in her object and the cost to her includes the loss of many of the work being done in other parts of the world by the failure of her submarines and the engendering of the hostility of many neutral nations which have suffered during the prosecution of the under water campaign."

MORNING NEWS OF WAR

The German-Austrian forces advancing into Russia are still making headway, except in the Riga district, and it is believed that the fortress of Grodno has fallen into their hands.

The Allies' guns are now sweeping the Gallipoli peninsula, making extremely hazardous the work of moving Turkish transports and troops.

Germany has instructed Count Von Bernstorff to offer to submit to the Hague Tribunal the United States claims with regard to the Lusitania and Arabic sinking.

Cardinal Gibbons was in conference with President Wilson for an hour yesterday in Washington with reference to the peace movement inaugurated by the Benedict, the suggestion being to carry forward with the co-operation of the neutral nations.

It is reported in London that Admiral Von Tirpitz, German minister of marine, is to resign because of the failure of his submarine blockade of Great Britain.

WOMAN'S GIFT OF \$750 FOR A MACHINE GUN

Moncton Times.—Mrs. H. Howard Wilcox of Boston, a former resident of this province, a daughter of the late W. W. Turnbull of St. John, recently forwarded to the Canadian War Office a check for \$750 to apply to the purchase of a machine gun for the use of a New Brunswick battalion.

Miss Arnold Heard.

In Stone church school room yesterday afternoon Miss Jean Arnold, Canadian Field Comforts Commissioner, gave an interesting address on the importance of the work of the various Soldiers' Comfort Associations. She told of the work being done in other parts of Canada, in England and in other countries, and emphasized its necessity for the men in uniform. In Belgium, she said, the Canadian soldiers are using breweries as bathing houses. Mrs. H. A. Powell presided at the meeting, supported on the platform by Mrs. Richard O'Brien. A solo was given by Walter Pidgeon. Votes of thanks were tendered by Mrs. George McAvity seconded by Mrs. A. W. Adams.

One of the largest ready-made clothing houses received not long ago from the country a letter, the substance of which was, "What is the proper dress for a groom in the afternoon?" The letter who opened the letter naturally referred the inquiry to the lively department. The head of that branch in turn dictated a brief reply, something like this:

"Bottle-green coat, fawn-colored trousers, with top boots; silk hat, with cockade. Our prices are as follows, etc." A week elapsed, and the big store received a plaintive little note:

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Presently the maiden asked archly: "Of course, you've read 'Romeo and Juliet'?"

He floundered helplessly for a moment and then, having a brilliant thought, blurted out happily: "I've—read 'Romeo'."

There is a man who used to be notoriously egotistic. Some of his acquaintances were one day speaking of him before an old lady who was not up in the slang expressions of the day. The next time she met him she put out a congratulatory hand.

"O, Mr. Smith," she cried, "I am so glad you are better, I heard last week that you had a swelled head."

At a recent trial one of the witnesses was a great countryman, unused in the ways of the law, but quick, as it proved, to understand its principles. After a severe cross-examination the counsel for the prosecution paused and then putting a look of severity on his face said: "Mr. Kilkins, has not an effort been made to induce you to tell a different story?"

"A different story from what I told you, sir?"

"That is what I mean."

"Yes, sir; several persons have tried to get a different story from what I have told, but they couldn't."

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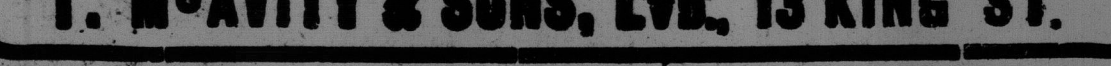
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NEW WAR SONG PLEASES

KING GEORGE IMMENSELY

"Michael O'Leary, V.C.," Supercedes "Tipperary" in Arousing Patriotism at Home and in Heartening Troops

Another Irish song has become the popular tune to stir the patriotism of the people and is being sung at all recruiting camps as well as at all patriotic assemblies. It has succeeded in popularity "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and is called "Michael O'Leary, V.C."

King George was so pleased with it that when he was presented a copy by Sir Frederick Bridge, the author, he said: "It is splendid, and I will give it to my daughter to play over for me. It pleases me immensely."

The words of the song were composed by a well known Irish author, John McGrath, complimentary to Lance Corporal Michael O'Leary, of the First Irish Guards, perhaps the most lionized of all the winners of the Victoria Cross who have come back from the front "on short leave."

The story of the young Irish soldier's

bravery has already been fully told; but it may be recalled that it was at

Cunliffe on February 1, this year, when forming one of the storming party which advanced against the German barbed wire

he dashed to the front and, single handed, killed five Germans who were holding the first barricade, after which he attacked a second barricade about sixty yards farther on, which he captured after killing three Germans and making prisoners of two more. He practically had captured the German position by himself, and prevented the rest of the attacking party from being fired upon.

The song opens with a line from the well-known Irish-American poem "The Fighting Race," and the first verse runs:

"Kelly and Burke and Sheehy, Flannigan, Doolin and Geary, Very good men in their day— But nothing to Michael O'Leary! There was the black barricade, Germans all fixed with their rifles, Shields and the grim cannonade, 'Tut,' says O'Leary, 'they're trifles.'"

There is the barricade grim, Manned by the turbulent German. What is the business of him, O'Leary!—to kill all the vermin! Forward, O'Leary! they're there; Don't you forget old sheehy, Mountains of Cork may be bare, Nothing but furze and good feeling. Yet you raise boys that are men Out on those mountains of heather; Up from the hill and the glen, Old Inchagels they gather.

Refrain

Michael O'Leary, they cry, Here's to the health of our brother; Raise his fame up to the sky, And the fame of his father and mother!"

Sir Frederick Bridge, principal organizer at Westminster Cathedral and composer of oratorios and cantatas, never before wrote a song of this character, but, captivated by the words and inspired by the bravery of the young Irish guardsman, he wrote this.

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