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"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.

MORE ABOUT RUSSIA.

The world continues to look with increasing amazement upon Russia and little wonder, for the miracles that her armies have wrought under their superb leadership, and the dauntless spirit her people have shown, mark her at once as the marvel of this time of unprecedented revelations of the fibre and stuff of which the nations are made. The attention of the whole world has been directed towards Russia, and the time has arrived when among students of world politics it is recognized that the future of Europe and her peoples shall, in all probability, ultimately rest in the hands of the "simple moujik." Today the world is realizing that the habit in the past has been to overestimate Germany and to ignore altogether, or at least to seriously underestimate Russia. Like the cheap trader who places all his goods in his shop window Germany has endeavored to force herself upon the attention of the world, and the only quiet and unassuming feature of her national life and methods has been witnessed in her worldwide spy system. Of Germany in her trade and its methods it can be affirmed that she was both "cheap and loud," and whatever reputation she had gained for scholarship and efficiency has been more than counterbalanced by the absolute dishonesty of her leaders from the Kaiser down, and the perfidiousness of her politicians. Not in one hundred years will the world forget or forgive the gigantic immoralities and inhumanities of the Teutons. For years she had succeeded in grossly deceiving the rest of the world but never again can she hope to attain the place which she has occupied.

Almost simultaneously with the fall of Germany has appeared the rise of Russia. Her star is certainly in the ascendant. Aside from the British Empire there is no other nation that can compare with her in the extent of her territory, and in the splendid wealth of her natural resources, while nowhere else in all the world has any nation produced her superiors in the life of thought. In his very readable book on "The Russian Army from Within" Steveni has remarked that "Greater Russia has been closed too long to the rest of the world, and if this war stimulates interest in her great future and her vast resources it will have at least one bright side. Siberia alone, which contains some of the richest corn-growing land in the world is about twice the size of our continent. It is said that the black earth belt, on which the finest crops can be raised, stretches for several thousand miles from the Altai Mountains in Asia to the Carpathians in Europe. On this, sufficient wheat could be grown to feed the whole of Europe, and a large part of Asia besides. There is so much spare land that it could support, if necessary, six hundred millions of inhabitants, instead of the present one hundred and eighty millions. Her people also are possessed of the highest intellectual and spiritual qualities.

In literature Russia has given to the world some of the greatest geniuses of ancient or modern times, among whom are Pushkin, Lermontoff, Gogol, Turgenieff, Tolstoy, Dostoiévsky, Gorki, Tchekoff, and many others. The peculiar depth and charm of Russian music is becoming increasingly known to the world and this is not to be wondered at when we reflect that Russia has produced a National Opera, and among her composers of the first rank are to be found such names as Glinka, Rugenstein, Tchakovsky, Rimsky, Korsakoff, and Dargominski. Truly Russia is a giant in a cradle whose greatness will some day astonish the world. For years Germany and German influences have been the evil genius of this land, and today the world does not doubt but that not a little of that misrule against which her patriot sons have cried out may be traceable directly or indirectly to these malign influences. If this war has done nothing else, it has at least forever freed Russia from the spell of these foreign devils who have never ceased to dread that day when Russia shall have found herself and realized the almost untold might of her resources and of her people.

OUR SUMMER VISITORS.

The liners of the North German Lloyd and of the Hamburg-American Steamship Companies are lying idle either in the port of New York or in their home berths in Bremen and Hamburg and the vast amount of German capital invested in these palatial steamers is earning nothing in the way of dividends. This surely has entailed a great loss to German capitalists and it is scarcely any wonder that during the early days of the war attempts were made to effect some arrangements whereby this idleness of some, at least, of these ships, might be overcome.

For years these liners have been a source of considerable revenue not only to their immediate owners but also indirectly to the German people for they were the means of bringing week by week thousands of wealthy Americans to Europe and incidentally to fill the coffers of German hotel companies and business houses. The sums of money which by this means have been yearly finding their way to Germany from the United States are immense and their loss is being keenly felt by those classes in German cities and watering places who relied largely upon this trade for their income and wealth.

What with the war and the Panama-Pacific Exposition the new American slogan, "See America First," has gained tremendous force and as a result the various centers of tourist traffic in the United States are reaping a phenomenal harvest this year. There is little reason to doubt that the claims of many of these pleasure and health resorts at home will derive a permanent advantage from this unexpected turn of the tide in their favor.

These same influences that have resulted in this large increase of the tourist traffic and trade throughout the United States ought also to produce a similar effect in Canada, for our country possesses a climate unsurpassed in the summer season while the lure of its physical characteristics in its mountains and streams at least surpasses that of any other part of the continent.

NO BUSINESS BUT WAR BUSINESS

A logical view of the duty confronting Canada in relation to the present war is taken by the Toronto Mail and Empire, which says:
"Business as usual" was the slogan used to inspire British people when they entered upon this great war. If the Germans have any sense of humor they must have been greatly amused by it, and at Harold Begbie's and other writers' exhortations to the English people to keep their heads, and go calmly on with their usual occupations. Germany has not been carrying on the war, and at the same time carrying on her business as usual. She has but one business, and has had but one for a year past. That business is war. All other business must wait until the great war business is transacted. All other business is subordinate and contingent upon that. It is Germany that sets the pace for the other nations. They must fight Germany as determinedly as she is fighting them if they are to win. If we think that we can carry on our

business as usual, our pleasures as usual, our idleness, extravagance and wastefulness as usual, we make the greatest mistake it is possible for a people to make, and must pay for it the heaviest price a nation can pay.

"It is time we ceased to heed the advice contained in the 'Business as usual' slogan. It is not patriotic advice now. It could not be more dangerous if it had been made in Germany. Business is not as usual, and it never will be as usual until Germany's military power is crushed, and if we try to attend to this task with one hand, and try to attend to business as usual with the other, we shall fail in both. Each one of us should feel that he is doing something personally, beside paying his taxes, to exert pressure against Germany. If we heed the 'Business as usual' slogan, we cannot be doing much in the war, and the war comes before business. The real war force of Canada has not yet begun to be mobilized. At the present time Canada, probably, has exerted less force against the German allies than has Montenegro, and yet it is in Canada's power to do more than a dozen Montenegros, to do more than Bulgaria, Holland, Greece or Roumania. Yet we are accustomed to think that if any one of these nations were to throw in its lot with the Allies the war might be brought speedily to a close. Let us not look to others to bring about the final downfall of Germany. France has nobly done her part, and if France were to retire from the war tomorrow her soldiers would have won lasting glory. Russia is doing her share. Belgium has done all that a nation can do. Of the Allies alone Britain has not exerted her full strength, and it must be by Britain's strength that Germany will finally be beaten. Canada, too, must do her share. Great and undivided efforts remain before us."

PLAYGROUNDS EXECUTIVE MET

Work going on spite of lack of funds — Reports received.

A meeting of the Playgrounds Executive was held last evening in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, presided over by Walter C. Allison. Among those present were A. M. Belding, secretary; C. D. Howard, superintendent; Mrs. Geo. D. Hart, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. Steeves, Mrs. A. E. Prince and Mrs. W. E. Nobles. As there was no meeting of the executive in July, reports were received for June and July. A very interesting and satisfactory report was presented by the superintendent on boys work and playground activities. Mr. Howard said the attendance at the supervised playgrounds was greater than last year, and the work among the children was bringing forth excellent results. Baseball seemed to be the chief activity among the boys and several hotly contested matches had taken place in the school boys league for the coveted shield.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS

W. B. Chandler, K. C., E. A. Reilly, K. C., and A. Watson Bennett, K. C., to be a board of examiners of candidates for appointment as County Court stenographers.
Carleton—Frank L. Tompkins of East Florenceville, to be a Labor Act commissioner for the parish of Aberdeen, in place of Edward A. Spence, retired.
D. H. Lamont of Glassville, to be a Labor Act commissioner for the parish of Kent, in place of Matthew Cummins, deceased.
Charlotte—Mrs. Thomasina R. Andrews, to be a member of the board of school trustees for the town of St. Andrews, in place of Mrs. Tompkins R. Andrews, whose term of office has expired; term to expire June 30th, 1917.
Gloucester—Thomas W. Reardon of New Brandon, to be a Justice of the Peace.
Northumberland—George Staples, to be a member of and chairman of the local board of health for the town of Newcastle, in place of R. L. Maltby, deceased.
St. John—John Thomson is re-appointed a member of and chairman of the board of liquor license commissioners for the city of St. John.
George W. Nobles, accountant, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.
Gross Receipts, \$1,175.
The gross receipts of the picnic festival and banquet held at the old Government House grounds, Fredericton, on Wednesday, were \$1,175.

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE
Pop was in the setting room last night smoking and blowing the smoke out of his mouth, and I sat there watching him, and after a while I sed, Pop was am I going to be aloud to smook.
O, you have ambships, have you, sed pop.
Yes, sir, I sed, wen am I going to be aloud to smook.
Yen yure sweet 31, sed pop.
Aw, no sir, I want to smook before that, I sed.
Yung man, sed pop, im afraid you have a dangerous bee in yure bonnet, and I bleeve in killing awl sutch instincks, I mean inaecks, in the bud, do you want a puff of this segar.
Awl rite, yes sir, I sed. And pop held out his segar and I took a puff of it, beeing sutch a big puff it made me kawf like saything.
Well, are you satershed, sed pop.
No sir, I sed.
Do you want anuthir puff, sed pop, and I sed, Yes sir.
Go to it, sed pop. And he held out his segar agin, and I took anuthir puff, not beeing quite sutch a big wan, but big enuff, and pop sed, Well, how was that.
Pritty good, I sed.
Have anuthir, sed pop.
Awl rite, I sed feeling kind of funny around the stummkick. And I took a littel bit of a puff and quick bloo the smook out, and pop sed, Do have sum moar.
No sir, I sed. And I went ovir to maas room feeling pale, and ma was sewing sumthing awn the sewing machine, and she sed, Wy, Benny, yure as white as a sheet, is anything the matter with you.
Pop made me take 3 big puffs out of his segar, and I sed, Wich I hadent hardly sed it wen I got sick as anything, nad after it wen awl ovir ma went ovir to the setting room, me following her, still feeling pale, and she sed to pop, Well, yure a fine specimin of a farther, arent you.
I see rite away that it wood be quite useless for me to explaine my loffy motives, sed pop, heer, Benny, take these few pennys and go out and associate with the fresh air. Wich I did, pop calling after me wile I was going down stairs, Wen do you want to smook agen, Benny.
Wen im 21, I sed.

POLICE COURT.
Sigurd Hensen, charged with stealing liquor from the cargo of the ship Maoriland, was further remanded, after Captain Mork had testified. The captain testified that there was a case of gin, containing twelve quart bottles, and that seven were missing. A full bottle, corresponding to the ones in the case, was found in the defendant's possession. Defendant contended that he had been told by the steward that the case was to be distributed among the crew. The case will be resumed on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.
One drunk was sentenced to a fine of \$5 or two months in jail.
The case of Walter Gilbert, reported for having an auto without a rear light on the night of the 30th of July, was stood over till Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Patriotic Fund.
C. B. Allan, secretary-treasurer, announces the following contributions:
A Friend \$ 1.00
John Lee & Co 50.00
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