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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.

BRITAIN TRUSTS HER SONS.

It is good to learn from a source so authoritative as Premier Asquith that need for conscription in the British Empire does not exist, but that in the future, as in the past, Mother Britain is willing to put her trust in the loyalty and patriotism of her sons. Canadians from the Atlantic to the Pacific should be inspired by that splendid utterance of the British Premier and strain every effort to see to it that the trust is not misplaced.

Of all the powers engaged in this world conflict Britain alone has a volunteer army. In Austria, Germany, Turkey, Bulgaria, France, Russia, Italy, Serbia and Japan universal compulsory service is in force. In Belgium the system is voluntary enlistment which, in time of war, can be supplemented by conscription, and in the present war, has been so supplemented. The British Empire alone depends entirely upon the loyalty and patriotism of her sons, and to date has never had cause to regret it.

But, in a conflict against nations whose every man is a trained soldier, it is easy to see the disadvantage under which British laborers as the result of the very principles of liberty of thought and action for the preservation of which we are fighting. She experiences little difficulty in finding men willing to flock to the colors, but in the very great majority of cases they are untrained, and it requires time to turn the untrained man into the seasoned soldier. That explains why the Empire with its immense population and infinite resources still has on the fighting lines a smaller army than any of the other great powers engaged.

As time goes on, however, Britain's army will be added to by the legions of free men who have already volunteered for service, and are now undergoing training in the various instruction camps. Volunteers are being trained and equipped as rapidly as possible, and this, of course, will continue to be the policy. The great need is for the raw material, and it can only be secured through the voluntary offerings of patriotic sons of the Empire who are prepared to demonstrate to the world that Britain's best safeguard is the affection and loyalty of the British men. It has never failed her in the past, it will not fail her now when, in her hour of crisis, the King's authorized agent announces to the world that Britain has implicit confidence in her sons.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

The St. John Board of Trade is an excellent organization and The Standard is prepared to express the opinion that, in its activities, the board is generally actuated by a desire to serve this port. It is, however, not at all impossible for even the Board of Trade to carry its zeal to a point where its motives may be misunderstood and the object it seeks to achieve injured by undue precipitancy. A case in which the board may easily make itself the subject of misunderstanding and criticism has already arisen in the question of securing troops for this city during the present winter.

Some time ago a delegation from the Board of Trade called upon Hon. Mr. Hazen and asked him to use his influence to have a battalion of soldiers stationed here. He promptly gave the desired promise and, a few days ago, announced that the 52nd Battalion from Port Arthur would make this city its headquarters. Advice received during the past forty-eight hours as to the effect that the battalion will be here very soon.

Yesterday a committee from the board visited the exhibition building and made an examination of that plant as to its ability to accommodate troops. According to last evening's Globe they "decided that between 2,000 and 3,000 men could be housed there. They also found that the Militia Department had been ahead of them in sizing up the exhibition building possibilities." It may well be asked if the Militia Department had not had St. John in mind as a housing place for troops why the exhibition building's possibilities should have interested the officials.

Hon. Mr. Hazen is in Ottawa and in

daily touch with the Department of Militia. It is to be assumed that he still knows St. John exists and that he will neglect no opportunity to advance the interests of this port. That can be taken for granted. Why then is the Board of Trade unwilling to permit him to work along his own lines for our welfare? If the Minister of Marine desires the Board of Trade to inspect housing facilities for him, or for the Militia Department, they will doubtless be advised to that effect. If he believes St. John's case could be strengthened by the presence of a board delegation in Ottawa it is also fair to assume that he will notify them. Until notification is received that the responsible representative of this port and province in the Government of the country is unable to advance our interests, there really is no occasion for interference from the Board of Trade or any other organization.

Mr. Hazen has been quite successful in the past in securing concessions. He has caused the West Side facilities to be improved until now the business handling capacity of the port is greater than at any time in its history, and he is evidently still working for us. Senator Thorne, who yesterday returned from Valcartier, is authority for the statement that the 52nd Battalion will not be the only military force to be quartered in St. John. Various detachments of other units will be here and the probability is that we will be called upon to house at least 2,000 men. Hon. Mr. Hazen has also taken up with the Admiralty the question of having St. John used as a port of embarkation of troops leaving Canada. There has been misunderstanding and objections to this port, but these have been straightened out, not by the St. John Board of Trade, but through the efforts of the Minister of Marine, so that now the way is open for the use of St. John as well as Halifax.

Evidence is thus daily accumulating that Mr. Hazen requires no stimulus when the interests of his constituency or of any other portion of the province are concerned. That is generally admitted. Why then the necessity of the Board of Trade suddenly becoming so busy, particularly when their activities are used to supply a text for criticism of the Minister from unfriendly sources. When Mr. Hazen fails in his duty it will be time enough to make him the subject of adverse comment, or to proffer him assistance which, however friendly the spirit in which it may be offered, is entirely unnecessary and may easily render the parties tendering it liable to the suspicion that the Ethiopian of party politics is lurking somewhere in the underbrush.

St. John's interests are absolutely safe in the hands of Mr. Hazen. There is no cause for alarm.

WAR COMMENT.

Last night's despatches devoted more attention to the statements of Britain's Premier in the House of Commons than to the battle fields. Premier Asquith's speech, while not too optimistic, breathed a complete faith in the righteousness of the cause and a confidence in the ultimate result. A notable phase of it related to the British navy which has done everything expected of it and more. As a result of the navy's activities the German fleet is now locked in the Baltic and dare not venture into the open sea for fear of annihilation. The navy has also cleared the sea lanes and safeguarded the transport of troops and supplies so well that the loss sustained was considerably less than one-tenth of one per cent, or not one man in one thousand. This of itself constitutes a wonderful record.

In the actual fighting the day has brought little change. Bulgarian and German troops continue to advance through Serbia, but it is believed the Serbs will be able to hold the enemy off long enough to retire to the hills, where they will be comparatively safe. Aside from the Balkans the eastern war front is the scene of the most activity and the story from that area tells of Russian successes. Either the German participation in the Serbian campaign has immensely reduced the forces confronting Russia or else the

Russians have been materially strengthened, for at present they are having all the better of the argument. In the Italian theatre the advances against the Austrians continue with some success. With the approach of bad weather, however, progress in that area is likely to be slow. The situation in the Dardanelles and Gallipoli has not changed, while in the western area the fighting has slackened.

DR. BARKER AT Y.M.C.A.

Several fine addresses yesterday — Campaign continued today.

Dr. Chas. E. Barker continued his series of addresses yesterday. In the afternoon he spoke to women only on "A Mother's Relation to Her Daughter." Dr. Barker dealt with the mother and daughter and clearly pointed out that mothers should tell their daughters the true position of the responsibilities which they are bound to encounter.

In the Y. M. C. A., at 6:30 a member ship dinner took place at which there were over ninety present. The Ladies Auxiliary had charge of the dinner and it was well proven to be the best held yet. The President, F. A. Dykeman, occupied the chair, and explained in a few words the work of the Y. M. C. A. was doing towards fitting the men of our country for the great burdens which they have to bear. His appeal to the business men, asking their support towards the institution, will no doubt have a good effect. He said that out of 8,000 men eligible for membership in this city, there was only a total of about 600 who really are taking advantage of the chance to improve themselves in every way.

Dr. Barker also spoke on the good work of the Y. M. C. A. in one country and all the world over. He gave examples of a large number of business men who devoted too much time to business and who had been restored to health under the direction of a physical culture director.

Dr. Barker himself believes he owes much to the Y. M. C. A., and can give recommendation to any man who wants to keep on the straight road. The fine privilege accorded men ought to be taken advantage of.

In the evening he lectured on "A Father's Responsibility to His Boy." In the Y. M. C. A. to an audience of men only. He explained the relation between the father and son and tried to impress the fact that the parent's life has much to do with the outcome of his boy's. Also that the father should tell his son the vital points instead of allowing him to acquire them from other sources. Many of our boys go wrong from the fact that they are ignorant to the dangers that threaten them.

Tonight Dr. Barker will speak in the Y. M. C. A., taking for his subject "Manhood, at its best or a straight talk to young men." In the afternoon at 5:15 o'clock, demonstrations for business men will be given by Dr. Barker at the Y. M. C. A. All men interested in his lectures are gladly invited to attend.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TEN MORE PEOPLE

River Glade Sanatorium shows further evidence of Mrs. Jordan's generosity.

Mrs. Jordan, of San Francisco, founder of the Sanatorium at River Glade, has given further evidence of her generosity. She has presented to the River Glade Commission three cottages on the Sanatorium grounds, and has also consented to defray the total cost of putting another boiler in the power-house, and also the cost of building the road leading to the bridge which will cross the dam, as well as the cost of clearing up the land for the dam. The total value of the buildings and work to be done is at least \$20,000, and shows how deep an interest Mrs. Jordan takes in the Sanatorium and how practically she displays that interest. The Commission knew Mrs. Jordan intended to give them the buildings, but it was a glad surprise to learn from the donor at a meeting on Monday of the full extent of her gifts. The members of the board present were Hon. D. V. Landry, chairman, Hon. J. A. Murray, Hon. A. B. McClellan, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Dr. A. F. McAvaney, and grateful thanks were returned to Mrs. Jordan.

It will be possible now to take ten more patients, and later on the number may be increased.

The artificial lake is about completed, and water will be turned on soon. The bridge across the dam will not be completed until spring.

All the patients are reported to be doing well.

An interesting event at River Glade on Monday was the setting in place of a bronze tablet marking the pavilion given by Mrs. Jordan's daughters. The tablet has this inscription:

Children's Pavilion,
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 Helen Jordan Baker
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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

My cousin Artie came around this afternoon and we played Ponts de Leon discovering the fountain of youth, turning awl the shower bath in the bathroom for the fourth of youth and starting awl the voyage of discovery down in the front vestibule, Artie being Ponts de Leon and me being the different dangers he had to overcome while he was hunting.

The first danger was down in the hall, Artie saying, Methinks I smell a flock of angry wolves, and I jumped out at him from behind the astrack and we resealed awl over the hall, and after we had fixed the rugs back were they belavaged, Ponts de Leon started his voyage again, the 2nd danger being at the top of the stairs.

Indians, as I live, upon my sole, sed Artie, and I jumped out from behind the setting room door, and we raseled awl over the setting room floor, Artie going, Bang, bang, supposed to be guns, and me going Zip, zip, supposed to be arrows, and we herd the fourth of youth turned awl in the bathroom awl the time, and we put the chares and things back were they belavaged, and Ponts de Leon started his voyage again and I laid down in the 2nd story hall pretending to be a rushing torrent.

Men, heers a rushing torrent to cross, dont give up the ship, sed Ponts de Leon.

And he tried to cross me and we resealed awl over the 2nd story hall, neerly falling down stairs twice, wich wile we was doing it we herd ma open the inside door of the bathroom and say, I thawt I herd that shower going, for merseys sakes, look at that bathroom floor, Benny, Benny, were are you.

We are being pursued, sed Ponts de Leon. Me being a membir of the voyage of discovery awl of a sudden and we snuck down stairs and went out the front door, ma still calling Benny, did you tern this shower awn, were are you.

Ware I was being outside running up the street with Ponts de Leon, the fountain of youth sevir being discovered.

WRIST WATCHES TO TWO EMPLOYES

John Bartsch and Charles Gorman, members of the Eastern Electric Company and St. John Railway Company, were presented last evening by W. C. Brown on behalf of the employees, with a gold wrist watch as a token of esteem on their joining the 104th. Mr. Brown said:

"Tonight we are and at the fact that two of our associates are leaving us, but with sorrow is mingled joy, for we realize that the part that they are going to play is fully just. We are not going to question the motives of these young men in taking up arms, we know that their motives are only the best and noble. Spurred only by the gallant deeds of their comrades, they are going to perform the same feat, if fate deems it so; at least, they are willing to accept the opportunity presented to them.

"As we wish you Godspeed on your journey to meet the foe, so too, we will look forward to the day of your return to your native town. That, indeed, will be a day of triumph. But, if you

are not among that number, if you will not be granted the privilege to clasp the hand of a comrade, or enjoy a mother's embrace, mingled with sadness and joy; still a greater honor will be yours when your names shall be placed on the Honor Roll of the nation.

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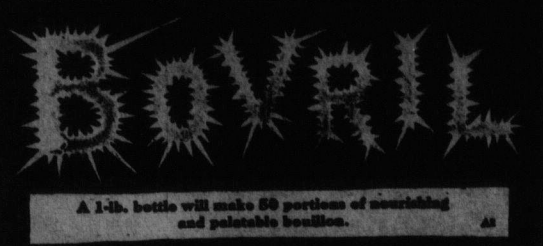
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