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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.

THE WAR NEWS.

The greater portion of the western battle front is again ablaze and British and French troops are treating the enemy to what an Associated Press correspondent refers as "the most disastrous defeat the Germans have yet met." The American forces, on the Vesle River, do not appear to have been heavily engaged yesterday, the brunt of the work falling to the British, Australians and New Zealanders; nor is definite mention made of Canadian participation in the major battle.

From a point some fifty miles north of Soissons up to and well beyond Albert yesterday saw continuous fighting. The casualties inflicted upon the enemy divisions under the immediate command of Rupprecht of Bavaria were among the heaviest of the present offensive, despatches instancing at least one case where an entire German battalion was wiped out of existence by the terrible pounding of the British guns. Every man in that battalion is reported to have been killed and there are other instances where the toll was almost as heavy. Many thousands of prisoners have been taken and frequent cases of wholesale enemy surrender have been noted.

One British army operating southeast of Albert advanced to a depth of two miles on a front of at least six miles, while another gained three miles on a ten mile front and reached a point two and one half miles from Bapaume, which town will be the next to fall. The town of Roye has been reduced to debris and it is believed the German defenders are casualties. The Allies have not yet occupied the town itself as there is practically nothing left to occupy but the surrounding positions have all been taken and Roye itself rendered untenable.

Meanwhile, on the Oise, the French were making splendid progress. They reconquered Noyon and the fall of that centre is hourly expected. Further south General Mangin has executed a brilliant success in the vicinity of Chemins des Dames, and now seriously threatens the whole enemy force in that area.

The fighting is growing in intensity as the enemy, frantically striving to avert complete disaster, is hurling thousands of men into the vortex of death and destruction, but the effort seems to be fruitless as the Allies' superiority in men and gun power are sweeping all before them and the Kaiser's finest troops cannot withstand the shock.

In many places the Allies now face what is believed to be the main German battle positions where the Hun hosts are expected to make their most stubborn stand. As yet the battle has not developed to its peak and the next few days will, it is believed, witness fighting as heavy as in any in the whole war to date.

Altogether the news from the western front is so good as to lead to the opinion that the end of the conflict may be much nearer at hand than was thought possible prior to the commencement of the latest thrust. Each now has the force to carry the line of battle about where he pleases. In the actual front lines it is believed the Germans are heavily outnumbered while thousands upon thousands of reserve troops are in readiness to rush in and complete the victory as soon as a weak point presents itself. For the enemy the closing week of August is certain to prove a period of dire disaster.

INEPT CAMOUFLAGE.

The Times seizes with avidity upon some remarks of the Toronto Globe, made in connection with the recent bye-elections in Ontario, and uses them as the foundation of an infernal defence of the action of the Foster government in refusing to give the voters of Carleton County an opportunity to express their views as to the selection of a representative for the vacant seat in that constituency.

Commenting upon the success of the Hearst Government candidates in the Ontario bye-elections the Toronto Globe says:

"There is but one issue at present for the vast majority of Canadians—the issue of the war. The voting yesterday should go far to convince parties and politicians that the citizen electors, men and women, recognize that they have something much more important than politics to deal with at the present time, and that there is no general public demand for unnecessary war-time elections."

The Globe may accurately represent the conditions and the sentiments of Ontario, but the case set up there can hardly be stretched to meet conditions in Carleton County, where the only people who do not want an election are ardent Fosterite supporters who

realize that a polling would give the Opposition party one more member on the floors of the Legislature, and last session the standing of the two parties was so close as to make it almost uncomfortable for the administration.

Carleton County has been robbed of a part of its legitimate representation for 47 days and Premier Foster has given no reason or no excuse for the injustice. It is true that last week he did make a statement to the St. John Globe to the effect that people had something to take up their attention other than local politics, but he made this excuse applicable to a general election. An election in Carleton County would not hamper the war effort of the people of the province, or even of that county, but an election here now would not give the government party workers an opportunity to play on race prejudice and passion as they did in the last contest. They could not say now, as they did say in February, 1917, that "a vote for the Murray Government meant a vote for compulsory military service." The Murray Government was defeated in that election and compulsory military service came just the same. Therefore the people cannot be fooled with the same story a second time. And Carleton County is not a particularly healthy spot in which to attempt such a canvass.

There is no reason why the Carleton vacancy should continue, except it be that the government fears the verdict of the people. The Ontario case is not a parallel, and it is not even apparent, the Toronto Globe to the contrary, that Ontario's war effort will suffer because it was necessary to send two members of the Hearst Government back to the electors for ratification. The people of that province will probably subscribe just as liberally to war funds and buy just as many Victory bonds as if no election had been held. And as far as recruiting is concerned the advent of the Military Service Act rendered it unnecessary to attempt to stimulate interest in that direction.

The real fact of the matter in Carleton County is that if the government's scouts in that constituency had been able to assure themselves that their party would have a chance of success in a bye-election, the election would have been held, war or no war. Premier Foster will not dare to attempt to tell the people of that county that the continuance of the war is the only reason he does not give them their just due. And the Times, calloused prevaricator though it is, will do no more than try to apply by inference the Ontario case to Carleton. Carleton County remains without its representative and members of the government and even the Times are discreetly silent as to the real reason. To attempt to draw a parallel from Ontario is merely inept camouflage.

SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL.

Those lads who yesterday received official recognition for their work as "Soldiers of the Soil" are to be warmly congratulated upon possessing the spirit that prompted them to spend their vacation period in assisting the movement for greater production. The news of the past few weeks indicates with fair certainty that so far as this war is concerned the military crisis has passed. But the food crisis is still with us and will continue at least until next year's harvest.

It must be remembered that even should the war end this fall it will be many months before the men engaged are released from military service and returned to their former occupations. Many more months must elapse before the food situation of the world can again reach pre-war conditions. Conservation and production will be necessary next year possibly to a greater extent than this year and in this situation the Soldiers of the Soil movement, so auspiciously launched this season, should be developed to even greater effectiveness.

All honor to the lads who exchanged their school vacations for the more arduous tasks of farm or garden labor. To them the country owes a debt and while all have not been officially recognized by the presentation of visible decorations, yet all have the benefit that comes from a summer spent in the open air engaged in useful health-giving occupation. And they have the added satisfaction of knowing that in the limit of their abilities they have "done their bit."

Hon. Dr. Smith of Westmorland is known to his friends as a prince of good fellows but yesterday he was mistaken by many citizens for a Prince of the Blood Royal. That is what comes of possessing a distinguished appearance as well as the ability to wear a

still hat and make it look as if it belonged where it was put.

Prince Arthur of Connaught made a good impression on St. John folk yesterday. Drop in again, Prince, any time you are passing; we shall always be glad to see you.

Generally speaking the "lites" on view yesterday were a cut above those seen in St. John streets on other occasions.

It is announced by the Bohemian that Grand Duke Paul, an uncle of the deceased Czar, is under arrest. According to Bohemian precedent all that is lacking now is the firing squad.

The latest report is that German orators are planning an "oratorical offensive." Offensive is absolutely the correct word.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

"SOMETHING TO REMEMBER"

To the Editor of The Standard,

Sir,

I was much interested in an editorial that appeared in your issue of August 12th, under the title of "Something to Remember." As a Canadian born who has lived over twenty-eight years in the United States, I can very readily understand the feeling that must exist among the people of Canada who understand the conditions as you so aptly put it, thoughtlessly express themselves as fancying that the Canadians are not exerting efforts to the best of their ability in this great and devastating war. I also realize that it is very hard for the Canadian who has not spent many years in the United States to understand the feeling that must exist among the people of Canada who understand the conditions as you so aptly put it, thoughtlessly express themselves as fancying that the Canadians are not exerting efforts to the best of their ability in this great and devastating war. I also realize that it is very hard for the Canadian who has not spent many years in the United States to understand the feeling that must exist among the people of Canada who understand the conditions as you so aptly put it, thoughtlessly express themselves as fancying that the Canadians are not exerting efforts to the best of their ability in this great and devastating war.

NOT SO BAD.

"That wasn't a bad epigram on the magistrate's part," said the somewhat educated tramp who had been convicted of vagrancy. "What did he say?" asked the tramp's pal. "Seven days," was the reply. "That isn't no epigram, is it?" "I'm sure it is. I asked a person once what an epigram was, and he says—'It's a short sentence that counts light but gives you plenty to think about.'"

PILING IT ON.

Deduce—that man called me a liar, a cad, a scoundrel and a puppy. Would you advise me to fight for that? Old Blunt—By all means. There's nothing nobler in this world, young man, than fighting for the truth.

Knights of Columbus to Make Dominion-Wide Appeal Fixed For Week Commencing September 15th.

In Urgent Need of \$500,000.00 for its War Relief Work.

Ottawa, Aug. 22—It has been officially announced by the Canadian Order of the Knights of Columbus will make a Canada-wide appeal for financial assistance in erecting and supplying army bunks and chapels for the boys in England and France.

The extensive work of this order in the past necessitates this move, and it is hoped that every big-hearted, loyal Canadian will contribute to the success of this worthy cause.

Last year under the direction of Mr. J. L. Murray, State Deputy of the Province of Ontario, \$80,000 was collected in that province alone for this work, which has grown in unprecedented magnitude. This has made the Dominion-wide appeal imperative to carry on this splendid and noble work.

The effect of the morale the Knights of Columbus is bringing to our brave fighting men in France and England, from the contributions received from those who cannot fight, is heartily recognized.

The organizing force is working at top speed and everything seems to be well in hand to make the week of September 15th successful. Announcements urging the necessity of the appeal will be made shortly.

NEED SOLDIERS TWO WEEKS LONGER

Andover, Aug. 22—It is expected that owing to the need of farm help in this county as well as in other sections of the province, the government will be asked to extend the leave of absence granted to the farmer for a period of two weeks. It is stated that with the digging of potatoes the man will be very much needed on the farm. It is practically impossible to obtain help of any kind and there are many cases where the farmer on the farm is an adult physically strong enough to attend to the duties of farming.

The boys who are now enjoying leave of absence are working day and night to accomplish as much work as possible before their leave expires, but in many cases it will cause considerable loss to the crops if the leave be not extended. The young men, back from Camp Sussex speak very highly of the manner in which they are treated in camp and although some of the boys were in Sussex but a short time all appear anxious to go back. All state that they like Lieut.-Colonel McAvity very much and are proud in their praise of the veteran leader of the 56th Battalion.

New York, Aug. 22—Another advance in Liberty 3½'s bonds to the level where they commanded a premium of 2½ per cent, was the only feature of more than passing interest on the stock exchange today.

Even that incident proved of brief duration, the quotation for the 3½'s closing visibly later when the inquiry for that issue diminished.

War news received scant attention.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Me and my cousin Artie was walking along jest walking along, and we came to a beggar without any legs setting against a wall holding his hat out for people to drop money in, which people was doing, and me and Artie started watching him a while, Artie says, G, its a good thing for him he dont have to have legs to sit down with, what is it? Yes, but it aint a good thing for him he has to have them to stand up with, I sed, and Artie sed, Maybe he dont want to stand up, maybe hes so used to setting down that all he feels like doing, maybe, G, maybe if he held out a hat, maybe people would drop money in it, if something was the matter with us, or something, I sed.

Any nothing aint, sed Artie.

Well that dont say we cant look like something was, I sed. And me and him went in his house and we each tied a big Turkish towel around our head and put red ink stains on the outside for bludd, Artie saying, G, maybe a hat went hold snuff, what you say, we take a bucker? Wich we did, Artie getting a big iron one out of the kitchen and we each took a hold of the handle and went around the corner and against the wall with the bucker in the middle, and the people going past jestuffed and kepp on doing it.

I wonder if they jest think we are any pretending, sed Artie.

Well this darn Turkish towel is getting darn hot, darn it, I said, Im going to reach if somebody dont stop darn quick. Wich jest then somebody stopped, being a man with a brown soot and a red expression, saying, well, well, wat seems to be the trouble? Wich we said, we got injured fere in a train rack, sed Artie.

But was the bucker for? a d the man.

Contributions, sed Artie.

He has allow me to express my sympathy, ha ha ha, sed the man. And he put his hand in his pocket to take out a contribution, and jest then somebody sed, For the love of Feet, am I dreaming? Being Pop, and the man sed, Do these belong to you?

One of them dots, Artie getting his eyes on him, sed pop.

Meaning me, and he made me take the Turkish towel off my head, with him and we dident even get one contribution and Artie got a licking for the red on the Turkish towel.

call her a butter-in"—Boston Transcript

Two old Scotsmen met at a railway station. Since the last time they met Sandy had lost an eye and George was bald-headed. Noticing Sandy's eye, George exclaimed—"An' whar be your ither eye, Sandy?" Sandy—"Hoots, mon, my ither eye is awa' lookin' for your hair."

although once more of a heartening character, and the several favorable financial reports issued by industrial companies fell upon sterile ground.

Further limitation of loans on all but high class stock exchange collateral was the chief drawback to any operations for the time being, incidentally encouraging the short interest to put out fresh lines.

In well-informed circles there appeared to be a growing conviction that recent credit restrictions suggested by the federal reserve board and concurred in by the local clearing house, deprived their impulse from powerful financial sources. Pressure was intermittent, converging mainly around rails and popular industries. Canadian Pacific registered an extreme setback of 2½ points and United States Steel, equipments, shippings and oils were 1 to 1½ points lower at their worst.

Hide and Leather Preferred was the main element of strength, scoring a new high record at 92½ on its advance of 3½ points. Fertilizers and Union Bag comprised the few other issues on the constructive side, the market closing irregularly. Sales amounted to 180,000 shares.

A three point gain in Georgia Central 5½ featured the domestic bond issue, internationals varying slightly. Total sales (par value), aggregated \$8,650,000.

Old U. S. registered 4's declined ¼ per cent, on sales.

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