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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 PRICE OF MILK.

In deciding to get information that is expected to lead to an investigation into the decision of milk dealers to advance the price of their product to ten cents per quart, the members of the City Council have acted wisely and decidedly in the interests of the people by whose votes they hold office. They should not limit their inquiries to milk, but should take in other necessities of life for which exceptionally high prices are being asked. As milk is the article of food most recently to come before the public, however, it is right that whatever measures may be taken should start with it.

Some two months ago milk producers undertook to secure a higher figure for their product, claiming the cost of production had increased to such a figure that they could no longer sell at the former rate. Retail dealers in the city met and considered the question, and one dealer who, by the way, is intimately connected with the present movement to advance prices, then stated that he knew of no reason why farmers should receive a higher rate, and that he was prepared to supply eight cent milk for a year if the people of St. John would cooperate with him. At that time the farmers were granted an increase of five cents per eight quart can over the price formerly charged for milk during the winter months. They are still receiving the sum fixed two months ago, yet retail dealers are seeking to advance the price to the consumer by 16 cents per eight quart can, thus apparently making an additional net gain of 11 cents per can for themselves over the price paid to the farmer. What has happened in the past two months to justify this?

It is also interesting to note that one of the retail dealers is advertising to sell all the milk tickets citizens may require at the eight cent rate until December 1st. If that dealer can supply milk at eight cents to those who purchase his tickets, why is it necessary for him to charge ten cents to the man who cannot afford to purchase quantities in advance?

These are points for which the council may well seek an explanation. As the case stands at present The Standard does not believe that there is justification for ten cent milk. In Ottawa milk is delivered at nine cents per quart, and when the business can be profitably conducted at that figure in the Dominion capital, where food costs are usually higher than in this city, there is no reason why residents of St. John should be penalized to the extent of a cent a quart on their milk bills.

Looking at the question from all standpoints it would appear that the milk dealers must do considerable explaining before they can make the public see that the advance of two cents per quart is not an exploitation rather than an increase made necessary through legitimate causes.

It is to be hoped that the civic authorities will not delay action. They have the machinery in their own hands by which they can ascertain all the facts necessary to proceed. Then, if circumstances warrant it, they have the support of the Federal department of labor, which has already acted effectively in preventing exploitation of food prices in other centres. Let all the information be secured at once. Then, if it is established that ten cent milk is a necessary evil the people must either pay the price or curb their appetites. If it is not necessary it can be prevented and the sooner the better.

THAT NICKEL MYTH.

The Providence Journal, a newspaper published in the city of Providence, R. I., has made some remarkable discoveries during the present war, and it may be recalled that it was through its agency that much of the evidence of German plots in the United States was uncovered. There is no disposition to underestimate the valuable service the American publication referred to has rendered to the Allied cause, but at the same time it is a long ways astray when it charges that nickel has been sent to Germany from Canada. Some unscrupulous Canadian Liberals have

seized upon the Journal's allegation and elaborated it to the effect that this nickel was sent from this country with the connivance of Canadian officials and went to Germany to be returned to us in the form of bullets in the bodies of Canadian soldiers.

That a more despicably untrue charge was never made has been clearly established, first by Hon. A. E. Kemp and secondly by Hon. Arthur Meighen. It was not wise to shut off the export of nickel from Canada to the United States, for in that event American munitions plants manufacturing munitions for the Allies would be deprived of a necessary supply but the Government, acting in concert with the British authorities, has not been idle, and it is not betraying a state secret to say that ever since the commencement of the war every pound of nickel exported from Canada has been in compliance with the British regulations especially framed to prevent its getting to the enemy. No Canadian nickel is finding its way to Germany, the suspicions of the Providence Journal and the wild falsification of machine Grits to the contrary.

Judging from recent advices the Roumanian armies facing Von Mackensen and Von Falkenhayn are in a very serious position and may be completely enveloped and destroyed. Last night's despatches said the Germans were in control of the whole line of the River Alt and but 47 miles from Bucharest. Russian forces are hastening to the relief of our imperilled allies but the way is long and it will be necessary to fight hard battles before the goal is reached. Meanwhile the situation in Macedonia and on the western front is to the Allies' advantage. At the present time Roumania is the only dark spot in any of the war areas.

Hon. A. E. Kemp, the Minister of Militia, has taken hold of his new duties with a will and has already made some changes that will appeal with force to the average Canadians. One of these is the appointment of Major General Lessard to an important position in the administration of the department. Another is the arrangement by which a special recruiting campaign will be carried on in Quebec. If Hon. Mr. Kemp can lift Quebec out of the position into which it has fallen in the matter of supplying soldiers to the Canadian armies then he will indeed prove a wonder.

In the case of a wholesale baker who refused to sell bread to a retailer who would not agree to boost prices, Hon. T. W. Crothers acted promptly and well. The retailer now gets his bread and can sell it at the old figure. Mr. Crothers can probably apply a similar remedy to the St. John milk situation.

When St. John's streets and St. John's debts are compared with those of some of the other Canadian cities the position of the Canadian winterport is decidedly good. If St. John citizens want permanently paved streets all through the city they can have them—but they must be prepared to pay the bills.

In Toronto an organization of patriotic housewives solved the solution of high prices for bread by buying flour and baking at home. St. John is paying ten cents for a loaf weighing from one and a half to one and three quarters pounds. The same remedy could be made to apply here.

Recruiting in the province last week was particularly poor. If the young men in New Brunswick who have refused to don the khaki could hear some of the tales of Hun savagery told by the heroes who come back to Canada by every steamer they would not persist in their indifference.

Say, Mr. Citizen, aren't those two cents on each quart of milk just as good in your pocket as in that of your milkman? Then, why pay the price?

A GOOD WINTER HABIT

Many people dread winter because the sudden climatic changes bring colds, grippes, rheumatism, tonsillitis or bronchitis. But thousands of well-informed men and women today avoid much sickness for themselves and their children by taking a few bottles of Scott's Emulsion to make richer blood, fortify the membranes of the throat and chest and create body warmth to resist sickness. Soldiers at war receive cod liver oil; it will also strengthen you.

APOHAQUI

Apoahqui, Nov. 27.—A very impressive service in memory of the late Allan W. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bell, who recently gave his life in defense of the Empire, was conducted in the Church of Ascension here on Sunday afternoon last. The edifice was suitably draped with flags, and beautiful bouquets of pink and white carnations adorned the altar in the chancel which, with the subdued rays of the sun gliding through the massive stained glass windows, gave a striking appearance to the interior of the very pretty church. A large and representative congregation from all classes and creeds assembled to pay their last tribute to the late hero, and hear the comforting words of the rector, Rev. Mansel Shewen, who during his comparatively short pastorate has already won his way to the hearts, not only of his own church members, but by his pleasing personality is exceedingly popular with those who are members of other churches. The beautiful service arranged by the church for such occasions was read, after which the reverend gentleman spoke from the words: "And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son, whom he loveth." The reverend gentleman continuing his sermon said in part:

"We, though so many miles distant from the battlefields, are nevertheless keenly interested in this awful war, and such occasions as this bring us very near in thought to those who are participating in the service of their country."

Relating an instance, where in conversation with a returned hero who had witnessed the death of his father and his brother who were killed in action, the soldier said that when a person finds himself surrounded by such circumstances and with death on every side nothing is important then but Christianity, nothing matters if God is your hope; wealth, fame, influence or any of the things sought for by the worldly minded sink into oblivion, and a time comes that after all the greatest attainment in the world is a life of unselfishness, faithfulness and none are greater than a noble man or woman; such are likened to jewels, and who, like earthly jewels must of necessity be cut to bring them to the surface and show them in their true splendor. We all feel sadness, but only those who have passed through a similar bereavement can truly sympathize with those who mourn, yet we can share the pride of their honorable and brave death.

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Little Benny's Note Book

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Wells them? said the fat boy.
Its a football team, said Skinny.
Its the greatest football team of its wake in the city, said Reddy Merty. Only we need a little more wate on it, how much do you way, I sed.

A hundred and 13, sed the fat boy.
G wize, sed Skinny Martin.
Holy smokes, sed Reddy Merty.
G Watakers, I sed.
Did you ever play football? sed Reddy.
No, but I bet I can beat anybody around heer at hop skotch, sed the fat boy.

Will you come out with us after skool today and practice? sed Skinny.
Hop skotch? sed the fat boy.
Football, sed Reddy, do we look as if we wood come all the way up heer to twick about hop skotch?

Do you want to join the Park Ave Terrors? I sed.

I dont know, I never played anything as ruff as football, sed the fat boy. Its not as ruff as it looks, sed Reddy. Wich jest then a fat lady came to the door holding some embroidery, saying, Heers your duty, Emery deer, you awt to be able to finish it today, who are your little friends, Emery?

Aw, sed Reddy Merty.
G, sed Skinny Martin.
Heck, I sed, And we wawiked back in our own block.

Saviour died, viz.: Christianity; for, if the Germans triumph, it would be different. There is marked by a cruelty, which is not a characteristic of our religion.

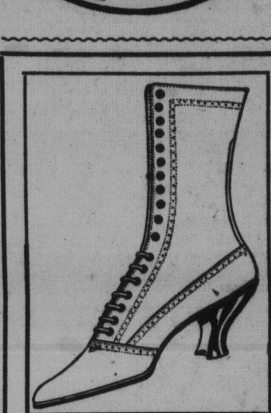
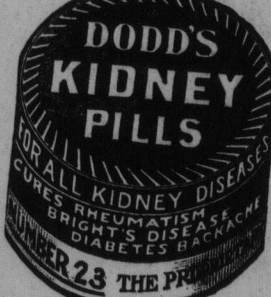
During the singing of the hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace, With Loved Ones Far Away," the rector was particularly impressed with the thought that our loved ones who die on the field of battle, though indeed far away, are after death nearer than ever before.

In conclusion the reverend gentleman paid fitting tribute to the three young heroes who, though mere boys as they were had lived pure, honest lives and had died gloriously, and now were numbered among the jewels which are long would be made up as the church today is in "her fourth watch," and that Christ is very near, nearer than ever before.

The hymns, "Oh Come All Ye Saints," "Abide With Me," "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Holy Father in Thy Mercy" were softly rendered by the choir.

After the benediction the congregation remained standing while the organist, Miss Nellie Vasey, rendered "The Dead March" which sent a thrill of profound sadness through the large congregation.

Among the mourners outside the immediate family were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell, Rockville; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Lison, Sussex.



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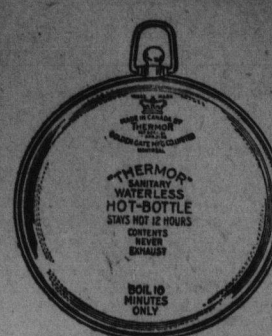
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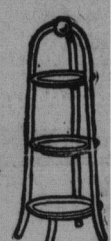
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