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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1918.

"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.

While the cables tell us that the British will oppose the German drive toward the channel is still holding, yet the extreme seriousness of the situation should not be underestimated. Beyond doubt the present movement represents Germany's supreme effort in this war. If she is successful the problem may not be how to get troops into France but how to get them out. If she fails her military strength is gone and she must depend upon her statesmen to secure the best possible peace terms for her. But, no matter how it goes, it seems to be certain that it is the mind of Germany's strategists to win or lose the war during the next few weeks or months at the most.

In this crisis the aid of America is sorely needed. That nation is doing its best but for some unexplainable reason the number of troops she has been able to throw into the fighting is less than one would expect if one judged solely from her size and resources. Until the Americans arrive in sufficient numbers to take over their full share of the work on the western front, Britain and France must hold the line. The sacrifices France has made with cheerfulness, ever since the war opened, Britain is making today and must continue to make. And it is typical of the British people that in a time such as this, when they are faced with the most critical situation in British history, there can still be found political leaders to discuss the Irish question and people to listen to them. The Irish question has been a troublesome one for Britain for many years. It is now more acute than ever except for the added element of bitterness introduced by opposition to conscription in which opposition Ireland's relation to Britain is very much the same as Quebec's relation to Canada. But important as the question of conscription in Ireland may be, or more importance is the winning of the war. If the Germans break the British line and smash our armies in France Irishmen need not be asked to go to the present battle lines to fight. But they may be forced to fight in their own land for the safety of their own homes and against a Teutonic foe.

This possibility in itself should supply the very best answer to the question of conscription. And the situation of Ireland is the situation of Canada. If our lines in France fail to hold, Canadians may receive a more severe lesson in war than any the past four years have produced. The situation on the war front is extremely critical, for Britain, for Canada, for the entire civilized world. The next fortnight may be a time of epoch-making events.

TELL THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH.

The Speaker of the Provincial Legislature has before him two points of view, which he must render a decision at the earliest possible moment. For the best interest of the country he should decide affirmatively upon both. One is the legality of an amendment proposed by Hon. J. A. Murray to the bill by which the provincial government intends to assess for \$518,000 for the support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund and other patriotic measures; Mr. Murray opposed the bill in committee on the ground that it did not honestly represent the real purposes for which the money was sought, and when it came up for third reading on Thursday he moved that it be returned to the committee of the whole house with instructions to amend it. The other point upon which Mr. Speaker Currie has to rule concerns the introduction of Hon. Mr. Murray's woman suffrage measure. The merits of woman suffrage have been debated many times and there will be ample opportunity to discuss the question again. Just now we are more deeply interested in the bill affecting New Brunswick's patriotic contributions.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund requires from the Province of New Brunswick in the vicinity of \$400,000. Other patriotic objects, including the grant to Halifax relief, will, it is expected, total \$118,000 and the government has a bill before the House authorizing an assessment sufficiently large to cover both items. Mr. Murray's contention is that in its present form the bill is misleading, even though it may not be the intention of the government to have it so. It conveys the impression that the total assessment is to be employed in the work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund whereas almost one-quarter of it is to be devoted to other objects.

If the government requires \$400,000 for the Patriotic Fund a bill should be introduced providing for the assessment of that sum. If \$118,000 more is needed for other patriotic purposes the authority for that should be procured through another bill and if such a proposal were honestly made it is doubtful if it would meet opposition. But to assess for the whole sum over the shoulder of the Canadian Patriotic Fund is not fair to the people who will be called upon to pay.

There is no reason why the members of Mr. Foster's government should seek to avoid telling the people the truth and if Mr. Murray's amendment will have the effect of placing the bill in question in a straightforward and honest position before the House and the country, the Speaker of the Legislature will be acting contrary to public interest if he refuses to permit consideration of that amendment. If consideration is granted and the government supporters out-vote the amendment on straight party lines then the people will know where to place the responsibility. This is not a question of politics but simply a matter of honest or deceptive legislation.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Without any sign of inconvenience daylight time went into effect through out Canada yesterday and for the summer months this common-sense plan will be in force. Daylight saving has been advocated as a war measure and if the plan possesses merit this season should suffice to give it a complete testing, for the disadvantages of last year, for which it was claimed the lack of general operation of the system was responsible, have been eliminated by the fact of the change being Dominion-wide. Consequently all parts of Canada are under the daylight time, and if the plan is commendable it is now in a fair way to be thoroughly tried out.

That daylight saving will effect a reduction in the quantity of artificial light consumed is already recognized by the New Brunswick Power Company for one of the arguments used in behalf of that company's application for increased rates before the Legislature last week was based on the inception of the new time. It is generally held that in war-time everything that will conduce to saving is beneficial and from this standpoint the daylight measure should be of value. There is also a considerable gain to the people in the way of opportunity for outdoor exercise which the extra hour of daylight provides. If amateur gardening is taken up to any extent this summer this should produce a result in the amount of attention devoted to the gardens in addition to making for a healthier happier people.

UNITED STATES' SECOND YEAR.

The New York Times, discussing the United States' second year in the war, says that, like the first, "it is to be given to raising, equipping and training armies, but in this second year America will make her giant's strength felt. Her million and a half of soldiers will become three millions; hundreds of ships will leave her ways; in the air she will have thousands of planes; instead of 100,000 men on the battle line she will be represented by such an army as the British Empire justly boasts; her navy will know a vast expansion; and preparation will be translated into achievement. Her intervention may bring the war to an end gloriously and decisively."

The Times says the cause is righteous, and cannot fail, and proceeds to call America's notice to the fact that her allies, "whose soldiers have held the frontier of freedom for years, and whose navy alone protects our coasts from bombardment, have run in debt to tenfold our proportion." These comparisons are stimulating, not discouraging. The Times remarks, adding: "But we must earn our thanks from those to whose support we have pledged our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor. It would not be safe to suggest in any public place that we are going to be deadheads, or even passengers, in the enterprise of salvaging democracy and uncrowning the last of the unchosen kings. In that enterprise we are going to beat all the arithmetics ever printed. We are going to wipe out the reproach that there is blood money in our pockets and that it took us years of deliberation to detect that this was a holy war and that we were new trials on a moral issue."

STEAMER SUNK.

San Francisco, Cal., April 12.—Word of the sinking in the Indian Ocean of a French liner and the rescue of 799 persons from a vessel whose port of registry was San Francisco, was conveyed today in a despatch from Singapore, according to a local newspaper. The name of the French liner was not mentioned, nor was the manner in which she was sunk given.

A BIT OF VERSE

REVERIE.

The sky was blue, the air was wondrous still;
 It seemed men had forgotten how to kill
 And all the war a memory past belief—
 A childish fancy or an idle grief:—
 When soft above my thoughts I heard a sigh,
 A gentle shudder stealing through the sky;
 And then a plaintive note, a weary moan.
 The humming of a wordless monotone,
 Then as its gathering import grew more clear,
 My heart was gripped with chill foreboding fear,
 Too well I knew that thrice-accursed sound,
 And all my dreams came tumbling to the ground.

For now, unmasked, the horror shrieked with glee,
 Destruction's maniac gibe, "What God is He
 Can save thee now?" then came a sickening thud—
 Then silence (Fritz had sent another dud).
 A. H. G.

A BIT OF FUN

THE ORIGINAL BAPTIST.

A negro minister of the Baptist Church in order to strengthen and confirm the faith of his congregation took as his text: "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea." "Oh," said he, "how I like to read these precious words in the blessed Bible! You don't read anywhere about John the Presbyterian, or John the Methodist, or John the Episcopalian, No, brethren, it is John the Baptist."—Christian Register.

REMEMBERED.

Tenant—The plaster's fallen off the ceiling.
 Penurious Landlord—Well, I hope you are satisfied. The first thing you did when you moved in was to complain that the ceilings were too low.
 —Boston Transcript.

WHAT HE THOUGHT.

A woman hailed a taxicab conductor in the excited manner customary with many of her sex, but the car did not stop until some of the people inside had called the attention of the conductor to the fact that the woman wished to enter. As she got in she glanced at the man indignantly. "Why didn't you stop the car for me?" she snapped.
 "How was I to know you wanted to get on?" asked the conductor.
 "Didn't you see me swinging my arms and jumping up and down waving my umbrella?"
 "Of course. Could anyone help seeing you?"
 "Then why didn't you stop?"
 "Because I thought you were dancing to that street organ!"—Pearson's Weekly.

PART OF HER COSTUME.

Beastie came running to her grandmother holding a dry, pressed leaf, obviously the relic of a day long gone by. "I found it in the big Bible, grandma," she said. "Do you s'pose it belonged to Eve?"

KIDDED HIMSELF.

Headline—"Had arranged to destroy British morale the first day," who had?
 Why, General Self-delusoidorf.

THE REAL PUZZLE.

Father (lecturing wild son)—Suppose I should be taken away suddenly, what would become of you?
 Son—Oh, I'd be here, guv'nor! The question is, what would become of you?

SOLDIERS ENJOY SPORTS SATURDAY

Baseball and Football was Played on the Barrack Square Under Auspices of Military Y.M.C.A.

A very interesting programme of sports was carried out under the direction of the Military Y. M. C. A. at the Barrack Square on Saturday afternoon. Games of football and baseball were played. The baseball which was a particularly good match, was played between teams from the 22nd Battalion and the Red Triangle Club on King square. Six innings were played and both teams finished up even with a score of five all. Pte. Stafford pitched for the Red Triangle men.

It is hoped to have a league formed between the various units this week and in event of that being done some excellent matches are anticipated. Another interesting feature of Saturday's programme was a relay race race in which two prizes, one for five dollars and one for five dollars were put up by the Depot Battalion. The first prize was won by a team from "B" company, while "D" company got the second.

Interest was added to the features of the afternoon by the presence of the Depot Battalion Band which furnished music.
 Mrs. Bruce V. Weston.
 The death of Winifred Retalick, wife of Bruce Vernon Weston, a well known member of the Customs House staff occurred at her home 215 Ludlow street, West St. John, last night. Mrs. Weston was one of the best known of the younger generation on the West Side and her early death will be mourned by a large circle of friends.
 She is survived by her husband and infant daughter, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Retalick; one brother Fred Retalick of Portland, Ore., and two sisters, Miss Maude Retalick, superintendent of nurses at the General Public Hospital and Miss Edna at home.
 The notice of funeral will be given later and the friends are requested not to send flowers.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Da fellows went errand after Puds Simkins yesterday, and we rang the front bell and Puds came to the door, saying, Aw G, fellows, I half to stay in, I went and did sumthing and I half to stay in. I tell you wat, fellows, y' dont you all yell for me rite outside the parlor windows, and maybe wen my mother gets tired of hearing you yelling maybe she will leave me go out, maybe.
 And he went in and shut the door and us fellows stood underneath the parlor windows and started to yell, O Puds, hay Puds, ooh hoo, ooh hoo, O Puds. And then we wisseled a wile and then we yelled another wile, and then we climbed up on the cellar windows and looked into the parlor to see if we cood see any effect, and Mrs. Simkins was setting in there with her back to the window, nitting, and Puds saw us looking in and started to make farse faces at us to keep on yelling.
 Wich we jumped down off of the cellar windows and started to do, yelling, Hay, Puds, coming out? O Puds, Hay Puds, ooh hoo, ooh hoo, Pudssee, Pudssee, ooh hoo.
 Wich the more we yelled the more nothing happened, and after a wile we climbed up on the cellar windows and looked in the parlor agen, and wat was Puds doing but holding wool for his mother to wind into a ball, and he saw us and started to make faces agen, meaning not to stop yelling, and his mother saw him making faces and quick turned around and saw us, and she got up and came over and pulled down both the window shades, and us fellows decided it wasent any use and went away in diskast and got up a game of primers base, and today wen Puds saw us he sed, Its a wonder you fellows woodent of kepp on yelling last nite, I bet if you wood of yelled for another hour id of bin allowed out.
 Proving if you try to do some people a favor it only makes them unreasonable.

BILL AIMED TO PROTECT CATCH OFF N. S. AND N. B.

Was Approved at Meetings Held by American-Canadian Fisheries Conference—Prohibits Importation of Lobsters Taken Adjacent to Canadian Waters.

Washington, April 11.—The congressional merchant marine committee is canvassing the views of the governors of the New England seacoast states and the fishing organizations of that section regarding an administration bill to prohibit importation of lobsters taken in waters adjacent to but outside the territorial waters of Canada during the closed seasons. The bill is aimed to protect the catch off Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and was approved at meetings held by the American-Canadian fisheries conference held at Boston, Gloucester, Mass., and at St. John.

The merchant marine committee has held meetings on the subject in this city and the other day decided to refer the matter to the governors of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, who have been asked to ascertain and report the sentiment among the fishermen. Pending that, the committee will defer action on the bill, despite its advocacy by the joint fisheries conference of the United States and its northern neighbor and by Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

Chief Justice Hazen contends that Canadian fishermen are irritated by the fact that while their laws prohibit them from taking lobsters during the closed seasons, they have to stand by and watch United States smacks catch the lobsters just outside the Canadian waters and carry them back to the American market.

In United States waters the fisheries are conducted every day in the year. In some counties of Nova Scotia there is a protracted closed season which covers the time when the lobster eggs are hatching. The object of the closed-time regulations in Canada is to curtail the catch during that period. Most of the lobsters caught on the Nova Scotia and Brunswick coasts have to be canned. The communities are remote from transportation lines and there are practically no local sales. There is virtually no size limit.

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