

## N. I. W. A.

The Ladies' Branch of the N. I. W. A. held their regular meeting on Thursday night in the L. S. P. U. Hall. A large membership was present and some new members were added to the roll.

After the regular routine business was disposed of, the President, Mrs. Earle, proposed the following resolution:

Resolved.—That the Ladies' Branch of the N. I. W. A. send a note of thanks to Mr. Frank Welsh (Woolen Mills), also to Miss Kennedy (Treasurer of Ladies' Branch) and to Mr. Arthur Stansbury (Plymouth Road) for their hard work and kindness in connection with the Sale of Work held recently, also to J. O. Hawvermale and I. C. Morris (Deputy Mayor) for cash received to make the Sale a success; Be it further resolved.—That the Ladies' Branch keep a record of the very great kindness of the Executive of the L. S. P. U. in giving them their Hall for the three nights the Sale was held, free of charge.

These resolutions were carried unanimously.

The President then favoured the girls' with a recitation which was enjoyed by all. Followed by a reading entitled "A Christmas Tree," by Allen Kankar, which explains the real meaning of the phantom Xmas tree. Not a pine, nor a cedar, nor a fir, nor any other tree that grows in the forest, but a tree that took life from the breath of God and has grown and flourished and weathered the storms, through millions of seasons, in the hearts of men. It is the great Xmas tree of human character. Instead of the gift itself swaying from one green branch to another, there are brilliant ropes of real gold, to radiate from the very throats of the strands. These ropes include kind remarks, sympathy, courage, charity, forgiveness, firmness, sweetness, and sincerity. On this Xmas tree on the very top is His Message to us written in a brilliant five-pointed star: "Each gift bears my love." This gives the phantom Xmas Tree its real significance. After wishing all the Branch a very Happy Xmas, the meeting was closed with the National Anthem.

## The "It's" That Won the War.

There is still a noticeable tendency on the part of the less representative journals of the Allied nations "to absorb the glory" of winning the war. And these claims are not limited to American papers by any means, for we actually read with our own eyes in a Unionist Tory paper that it was the hundred thousand raised by the Conscription Act in Canada who won the war; the hundred thousand who were neither raised nor sent "over there." An American paper, the "Ogdensburg News," looks at it in this way:

Those who are inclined to say, "If the United States had not come in when it did," etc., may well remember a large number of vital "it's" which bear on the participation of the other Allied nations.

If Belgium had not blocked the first swift rush into France, if the French had not fought like tigers from September, 1914, for four long years, if the British had not held like bulldogs, as long—what would have come?

If the Italian army had not stiffened and stood twice at the Piave, if the Serbians had not delivered their desperate blow, if the Allied forces had not fought like supermen since last July—what would exist to-day?

Last, and perhaps as a single factor, if the British navy had not controlled the seas, confined the German fleet and cut off that country's commerce and food, would we be celebrating victory now?

It has been a war of magnificent things—heroic deeds and heroic sacrifices—by every nation and every force engaged. Without the participation of any one of the active Allies victory might still be far away.

When the history of the world war is written it will show that every nation who fought on the Allied side contributed to its success. The greatest honor belongs to the incomparable soldiers of France, together with the indomitable British army and navy.

But Belgium, Serbia, Italy, America, Greece, Japan—yes, even Russia and Roumania in earlier help—all played vital and important parts in bringing about final victory. There is glory—glory enough—for all.

We may add to this that "if" Russia had not made the formidable rush into East Prussia early in the war the French might not have won the first battle of the Marne, and if the great

drives of Grand Duke Nicholas and Brusiloff had not been made into Galicia, Italy might have been overwhelmed by Austria. Plenty of glory for all.—Acadian Recorder.

## Ireland's Part.

(From the Westminster Gazette.)

Englishmen who have been accustomed to believe that Ireland has "done nothing in the war," and is sullenly hostile to the Allied cause, will rub their eyes on reading of the scenes of enthusiasm reported from Dublin and many other parts of Ireland yesterday. They are, nevertheless, quite genuine, and few Irishmen will be surprised at them. For, in spite of all the troubles and controversies of the last three years, Ireland has made a great contribution to the war. Out of her population of 4,000,000, not less than 250,000 men have fought for the Allied cause, and if we add the Irish in the Dominion contingents and the Irish who have served with the Navy—to say nothing of the Irish who have come over with the Americans—the total would probably not be less than half a million. When conscription was proposed for Ireland, competent judges, who made fair allowance for the fact that the great majority of the population was agricultural, placed the additional number that could be obtained by this means at not much more than 100,000. It would be a gross injustice if the failure to obtain this last hundred thousand, caused us to forget that the great majority of Irishmen did their duty as manfully and gallantly as Englishmen, Scotchmen or Welshmen. The Irish regiments have by common consent fought splendidly, and it will be a thousand pities if some public opportunity is not taken of acknowledging the debt that the country owes to them. Nothing could be more embittering to men who have loyally served to the utmost than to listen to the indiscriminate abuse which it is now the fashion in some quarters to heap upon Ireland, in utter forgetfulness of the part which hundreds of thousands of her sons have played. As for the rebel Irish, I expect to hear that large numbers of them joined in the rejoicings. Most of them have always protested that though anti-English and willing even to use Germany against England, they were not pro-German. Indeed, it would be difficult to imagine anything more antipathetic to the Irish spirit than the German, and I should be much surprised if most Irish rebels do not secretly in their hearts rejoice at the downfall of the Kaiser and the liberation of the little nations. It is, after all, quite an easy feat for a rebel Irishman to be glad that Germany has been beaten and sorry that England has won.

## In Memoriam.

In the dim gray silence of morn. on Dec. 16th, John J. Gushue obeyed the summons of the Angel of Death, and passed from this earthly abode to his eternal home. He was only in the prime of manhood, being in his 47th year. He had not enjoyed, for the past few years such perfect health as he wished for, though he was never seriously ill, until about three months ago. Since then, his friends grew anxious over his condition, and he went to the General Hospital to receive proper treatment. He returned from there, very little improved, and although he fondly cherished hopes of recovery, yet to his friends the end seemed inevitable, and his departure was not unexpected. John possessed a quiet and amiable disposition, was a fervent and faithful Catholic, being an officer in the Holy Name Society, and a leader in parish and social work. A large gathering of friends and neighbors, amongst whom were the members of the Holy Name Society, followed in funeral procession to the church, where a Solemn Requiem Mass was offered by Rev. Fr. Rawlins, P.P., after which his mortal remains were laid to rest in the family plot in the village cemetery. Beside his sorrowing wife, he leaves to mourn him, a mother, Mrs. McGrath, two brothers, WILL, at St. Joseph's, Edward, in Boston, also two sisters, Mary, at home, and Mrs. Capt. R. Tobin, Boston, Mass., to all of whom we extend our sincere sympathy, and for the dear departed we offer a fervent Requiem in Pae.—Com. St. Joseph's, Dec. 18, 1918.

## New Flags for New Countries.

Flag Makers Will Have a Busy Time in Germany.

No one knows how many new countries there will be in Europe by this time next year. But one thing is sure. Each of these new countries must have a national flag.

The oldest of European flags is the Danish. The white cross on a red ground was suggested to King Waldemar of Denmark by a cross which he is believed to have seen in the heavens at a critical point in his fortunes. That was more than seven hundred years ago, and the Danish flag has remained unchanged ever since. Persons to the war the newest flag was the Australian. As every one knows, it shows the five stars of the Southern Cross, and resembles a

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The colours of flags are interesting. Of all the national flags the German is the only one which has black and white together.

No fewer than nineteen countries have red in their flags. These include Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, and also Germany, Austria and Turkey.

Eleven principal countries, including the United States, Britain, France and Portugal, show blue, while half-a-dozen have green.

Brazil's flag is mainly green. Italy is the only great European power to

show green.

Nine have a flag which is partly yellow. Among them are Spain, Belgium, Sweden, China and Brazil.

There is white in six principal flags. They are those of the United States, France, Russia, Italy, as well as Austria and Germany. The flag of the South American republic of Ecuador is the whitest of all national flags. It is made up of two white bars with, between them, a stripe of blue on which are white stars.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

EVERETT, Mass., Dec. 20. Six men in an automobile held up Frank Brown, of Lynn, paymaster of the steel foundry of the General Electric Co. here to-day, shot and seriously wounded him and escaped with the week's payroll, reported to the amount of \$12,000.00.

## GERMAN CABINET RESIGNS!

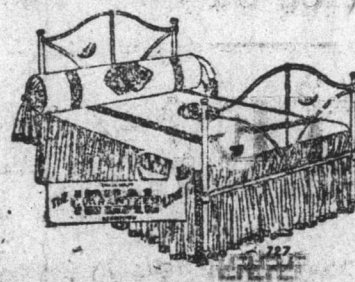
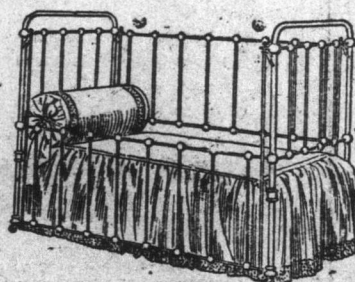
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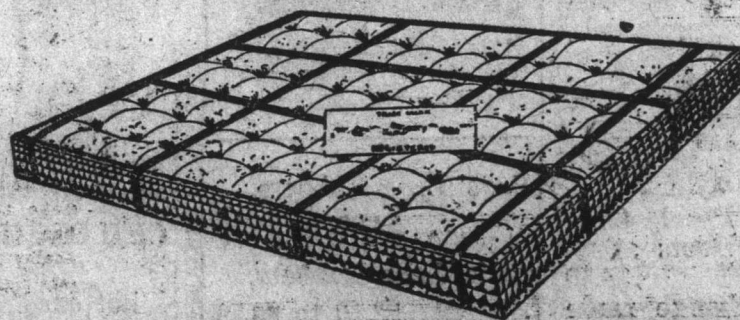
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