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HOW LONG WILL THIS FARCE LAST?

It must be difficult for Conservative statesmen like the Hon. George J. Clarke, and for Conservative newspapers and other newspapers friendly to the administration, to keep up the farce of discussing in the closing days of the present summer this route and that route for the Valley Railway.

Do these gentlemen suppose the public is too careless or too stupid to overlook the significance of the fact that they are still canvassing the routes for this railway at a date when the railway was supposed to have been finished?

Mr. Premier Clarke gravely giving out cryptic statements concerning new soundings or borings for a crossing of the St. John River, only a few weeks after Mr. Gutelius, presumably speaking for the Minister of Railways, said that the Valley road should come down the western bank of the river and enter St. John city by a bridge across Navy Island.

An attempt has been made in a quarter of a century to create the impression that Mr. Gutelius, who is regarded as a wholly popular figure here, was merely voicing his own suggestion. This suggestion was perhaps intended to cover up or to weaken the public effect of the knowledge that Mr. Gutelius was only repeating what the Minister of Railways has said in conversation on several occasions, and what was said to members of the Board of Trade by two ministers of the Crown, and in a very emphatic fashion, only a few weeks ago.

Has anyone inquired from the local government clique how it happens that they are today still "making borings" for the proposed purpose of comparing one route with another, in spite of the fact that they have said again and again that they employed the best engineering talent in the country to decide this very point a year ago, or eighteen months ago, if not two years ago?

The people of St. John and the people of New Brunswick have signed a very heavy mortgage for the creation of a new railway to open up the productive country between this city and Grand Falls. The railway is not the private enterprise of a mere group of politicians, although the manner in which these politicians have juggled with it, and have played fast and loose with the public interest, suggests that they are governed by the astonishing delusion that the province has been given over to them for their entertainment and their profit, whereas the province has employed them temporarily as its servants, and is angrily awaiting an opportunity to dismiss them for conduct which can only be described truly in rather vigorous language.

For a long time past representative bodies in this city and in other centres in the province have sought to find out from Hon. Mr. Hazen, from Hon. Mr. Clarke, and from other associates with these Conservative leaders, answers to the following questions:

- 1.—When is the Valley railway to be completed from Gagetown to St. John, and from Centreville to Grand Falls?
2.—By what route is the road to run from Gagetown to the Winter Port of Canada?
3.—At what point—and when—is a connection to be made between the Valley Railway and the National Transcontinental, and when will the systems so connected be ready for hauling through traffic?

Answers to these questions—frank and complete answers—should have been given many months ago. Yet the Common Council and the Board of Trade here, and similar bodies all over the province, have not yet been able to elicit from either of the governments any statement which by the greatest stretch of imagination could be regarded as satisfactory.

THE ARABIC CASE

The American government does not propose to ask Germany to explain why the Arabic was torpedoed, but expects that a statement will be forthcoming from Berlin. There still is due a reply to the last American note relative to the Lusitania. If Berlin proposes to deal with these matters seriatim, the Arabic case may be reached—sometime. Will the United States await Germany's pleasure? That is not to be expected unless Washington is only trifling with these grave offences against the national honor. The more reasonable view is that President Wilson and his advisers will gain, as quickly as possible, a definite knowledge of the facts in this latest outrage against a neutral people, and then act. To do otherwise would lower the dignity of a great nation.

Italian warships have left home waters under sealed orders. It looks like a new phase in the Dardanelles campaign.

Germany has apologized to Denmark for violation of neutrality involved in an attack on a British submarine stranded on a Danish island. The apology includes a statement that emphatic instructions have been issued to command-

ers of German warships to respect neutral rights. Washington demanded something of the same kind, but still is waiting.

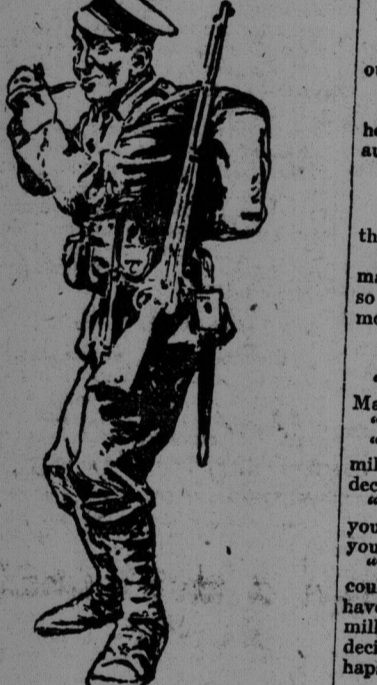
The United States has been obeying the biblical injunction to turn the other cheek, but both are now reddened by smiting blows.

Reports from the western theatre of war indicate the approach of the day when the great movement against the enemy there will be begun.

Another Canadian, Lieut. F. W. Campbell, has won the Victoria Cross, but death has robbed him of enjoyment of the soldier's greatest honor. His example, however, lives and should be an inspiration to those who should be, but are not, in khaki.

Berlin blusters over alleged ill-treatment of interned prisoners at Amherst. Ottawa denies that there has been anything to complain about, and the prisoners themselves have made no objection to their treatment. Is Germany seeking an excuse to visit on Canadian prisoners a measure of vengeance for the effective work our troops have been doing?

'Arf a Mo', Kaiser



To the Editor of The Times: Sir—As an example that merits commendation for time devoted and attention paid to the requirements of our boys in the trenches, I would cite the efforts of the young daughter of Mrs. Sterling Barker, of the Lake Leonard House, for the 29th battalion.

In a little over a fortnight she has secured nearly 100 contributors to the Overseas Tobacco Fund, and remitted me \$24.53, representing this, for the above mentioned battalion. To each individual in our New Brunswick community, in sympathy, I would earnestly say "Go and do thou likewise." A smoke is possibly the greatest treat the poor war-torn Tommy may enjoy in his hour of need.

EDWARD SEARS, Postmaster, Steward of the Fund.

HONORS FOR BRITONS WHO ARE MEN OF SEA

Supplementing the list of a large number of members of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, upon whom honors have already been conferred in the following distinguished war service, recognition of distinguished war service, the following members names figure in the list of honors now announced in connection with the patrol service: Commander E. Outram, R.N.R., Lieut. Commander H. P. Basden Smith, R.D., R.N.R., and Lieut. Commander F. M. Math, R.D., R.N.R. have been made Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, and Lieutenants S. Bolton, R.N.R.; B. H. Symms, R.N.R.; Herbert Spencer, R.N.R.; C. W. Cartwright, R.N.R.; E. A. Stuart, R.N.R.; Robert Holman, R.N.R., and C. T. Nottingham, R.N.R., upon each of whom has been conferred the Distinguished Service Cross.

Mother of 19 Children

New York, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Maria di Gavini of 436 East 118th street, has presented to her husband her 19th baby—a girl. The husband is Salvatore di Gavini, a barber. The couple were married twenty-one years ago, when she was only sixteen. Mrs. di Gavini has had three sets of triplets. Of her children ten are living. One daughter is married and has two children.

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Back to the Front Passing through a military hospital, a distinguished visitor noticed a private in one of the Irish regiments who had been terribly injured.

To the orderly the visitor said:—"That's a bad case. What are you going to do with him?" "He's going back, sir," replied the orderly.

"Going back?" said the visitor in surprised tones. "Yes," said the orderly. "He thinks he knows who done it!"

Silence is Golden "I think I made a mistake in arguing the question of expense with my wife."

"What do you mean?" "She wanted an automobile, and I inadvertently told her that I couldn't afford it."

"Well," "Now she wants it worse than before."

Pretty Good, Too "Well, old Hert got some good out of his wife's new hat."

"Ker—What?" "Ker—It came in such a big box that he used the box for a garage for his auto."

Love Will Find a Way "Matter—Nora seems quite gone on that letter carrier."

"Mistress—Gone! Why, she actually mails a postcard to herself every night, so he's sure to call at the house next morning."

Using Discretion "I've dropped out of the race for Mabel's hand."

"You have? Why?" "My nearest competitor is a man with millions. I think she loves me, but I've decided to withdraw."

"You're foolish, man. If she loves you and is as sensible as I think she is, you can win her without money."

"That's just the point, I think I could win, all right, but ever after she'd have the opportunity to remind me of the millionaire she could have married. I've decided for my own happiness that perhaps I'd better let him save her."

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LIEUT. SMYTH, V. C. (London Times) General Headquarters, Aug. 7.—I remember a road behind some famous trenches and a few officer companions there. None of us elders were comfortable. We were the only people about. The regulation being such that the head was a procession of horrible sounds: one on either hand columns of smoke were bursting, and every house we passed was an abandoned ruin. There was a boy with us, a short, ruddy, smiling officer lad with curly grey eyes. He seemed quite out of character, innocent and happy. He glanced up smiling at the passing shells before, and did not know what they were. Even his tunic was not exactly the regulation pattern, as though he was a new arrival who would learn much more presently. Later I was told, as a huge joke, that that boy was once lighting his cigarette when a bullet swept the match out of his fingers. His cap had been blown off five times by explosions. His tunic was what it was because it was a make-shift. His old one had been torn off his back by machine-gun and rifle fire. He had dragged that lad, a heavy box of bombs over the corpse, in a trench, a target for every explosive abomination the Germans could shower round him and his position. In fact, he was Lieutenant Smyth, and he had just got his V. C. I see they have been recording his features in the illustrated papers since I met him, but the pictures are all wrong; they have left out his luminous and innocent merriment. Another story. It concerns an aviator officer, who was shelled by the Germans at 7000 ft. It happened that they got a hit, and the aviator thought his leg was blown off. He lost consciousness, and, with his observer, fell straight earthwards, but recovering and, first, by instinct and then by will, tried to control his machine. He succeeded and got away, though the Germans must have thought they had got him instead, and brought his charge thirty-five miles to safety. But so badly wounded was he that he dared not move from his seat, fearing to see his leg drop off. I am glad to say that he is now doing very well in hospital.

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