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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.

NO HALF-WAY HOUSE.

As was to be anticipated the world atmosphere of these days is more or less impregnated with the suggestion of peace. One need not be a prophet to discover whence this ordinarily delightful aroma has issued. Like many other unwelcome gases this present time increasingly irritating substance proceeds from Germany. Of course it does not blow directly across the channel to "London town" which would, of itself, demonstrate that it was not what the Germans very much desired it should appear to be. All the same it continues to make its presence felt and especially is the activity of this "made in Germany gas" apparent to the leading neutral nations.

Let us be quite assured that the time is ripe for "peace-parleys" so far as Germany is concerned, and indeed, all the loud denials to the contrary, everyone who has followed the course of the war of late months has no sort of doubt but that an immediate cessation of hostilities is the one and only way for the powers that be in Germany to escape certain defeat, not only upon the fields of battle, but also, ere long, at the hands of a long time patient and terribly wronged proletariat within the fatherland itself.

The Kaiser is now reported to be so ill that he is no longer capable of directing the armies. This may or may not be in accordance with the facts. We are of the opinion that if he is not physically sick, he is certainly heartily sick of the war which he forced upon the world.

His long-though-out military plans for the winning of world-power for his throne and his numbers of hungry parasites have seriously miscarried. He expected to get to Paris within a few weeks after his mad declaration of war against unoffending France, but something happened to his plan at the Marne.

Then he expected to get to Calais in order to strike effectively against Great Britain, but here, again his armies failed.

Then, worst of all, he has been compelled to fall back before the Russian forces which he had surely counted upon crumpling up into a forever innumerable mass with one firm squeeze of his mallet fist.

Disappointed in these three military undertakings he set himself to help poor old Austria beat up the Serbs. This surely, at any rate, he thought his mighty army could accomplish. Had any doubt of this entered into his mind during the earlier months of the war, the severe ravages of plague throughout that unhappy land of heroes must have succeeded in dissipating it. There indeed he has won a victory, but of such a nature that it may well appear to him as a defeat in disguise.

The Kaiser is not lacking in knowledge of the chances of campaigns and he certainly knows that not once or twice in the history of wars the gaining of the objective by an army has sounded the death knell of the cause which it represented.

So it was with Hannibal at the gates of Rome and with Napoleon at Moscow. He well knows that while in England the government was scathingly criticized for continuing the Peninsular campaign for over three years, and that while even leaders among the English people had declared that the government of that day had been guilty of committing a suicidal act, yet in the end it was this very Peninsular campaign which developed that ulcer by which the life and vigor of the Napoleonic system was fatally sapped. It was in the lines of Torres Vedras that Wellington first sounded that note from the bugles of England which grew louder and stronger until it proclaimed the doom of the despot and the emancipation of the world at Waterloo.

In addition to all these sources of discouragement the Kaiser knows that, conceal these facts as he may from the outside world, there is no denying that at the present there is a shadow across the German home which daily grows darker. The pinch of famine is beginning to be felt in that land.

More than all this there remains

also the fateful fact which no one can deny, and the Kaiser least of all, that the flower of his tremendous army has already gone where these men of the spiked helmet shall fight never more.

Meanwhile, on every hand, the powers which he has antagonized are daily increasing in strength and in time the blow they will deliver shall descend with crushing effect upon his head. Germany may still continue along the road upon which, governed by greed of gain and lust of power, she entered, but the farther she proceeds the nearer does she approach to that impassable barrier which marks it as a national "cul de sac" and from which it must forever be impossible for her to emerge with what she carried in her arms when entering.

She had fondly hoped to gain territory. She must instead surrender territory. She had desired larger scope for her commerce over seas, but she shall be fortunate when the war ends if she has one single colony left under her giraffe flag while in other lands in which she has had a market for the products of her many industrial plants, she shall surely discover that this market for one reason or another, has largely gone elsewhere. Whereas, formerly, the trade-mark made in Germany, carried with it a certain strength, for many years to come that sign if it appear at all will surely be avoided as one would a poisonous stench. The Kaiser and his colleagues who have for years been exploiting the German people for their own personal aggrandizement have by this war not only consigned millions of these people to death and their homes to horror, but they have also in very large measure made the very name of Germany all over the world synonymous with all that is most repulsive in human kind.

The unspeakable corruptions of mind and heart revealed by the sinister activities of the accredited agents of the Kaiser in America could not even be adequately described by the blistering diatribes of the scholarly representative of one of the greatest nations in all the world.

Peace shall come at length but that peace shall not be such as Berlin may suggest or desire.

Germany must be made to realize that her philosophy of the overman is in error and that the modern world will not stand supinely by while any one nation seeks to gratify its insatiable lusts and passions at the expense of the rest of humanity.

This war must not cease until it has been assured that not again shall the peace of the world be broken by such criminal and bandit tactics as those which the Kaiser and his counsellors have dared to employ. THERE IS NO HALF-WAY HOUSE.

THE "COMMON BOYS."

Somewhere in Belgium.

Nov. 21st, 1915.
To the Editor of St. John Standard:
Sir,—Just a line to let you know the old Standard reaches us here about two weeks from issue. In the bunch we found waiting us when we came out of the trenches this week, we read an editorial on "The Common Boys," and respectfully ask for sufficient space for the following verses composed by one of the 26th St. John common boys. I would say, the author lost two very dear friends on the memorable October 13th, and he took this method of expressing his feelings:
Thanking you in advance for the space in your valuable paper, I am, sir,
Yours very truly,
SERGT. O. A. REID.

They came from farthest East and West,
Cape Race to North Sound,
They left their homes at duty call
To fight on foreign ground.

They're of English, Scotch and Irish blood,
But all of them were game;
All were whelps of the Lion British in more than name.

Some still do their duty,
Some died near a foreign sky;
And here's to each and all of them
Come raise your glasses high.

And drink to those boys; those Common Boys,
Those boys you didn't know,
Who answered to the Lion's call
Who face the common foe.

They fight for you, are facing death
On Belgium's grave strewn soil,
When you slight their fallen comrades
Must not their hearts bleed still.

TEN MORE MEN JOIN COLORS

Recruiting Campaign Continues with a Swing—Two Meetings Last Evening.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

John Riley, Rhode Island (British parents).
Nathaniel A. Palmer, St. John.
Charles G. Maxwell, St. John.
Robert R. Garrett, St. John.
Peter Costello, St. John.
Albert Page, England.
John E. Mayfield, England.
Harry J. Walsh, Bridgewater, N. S.
Wm. Cobbebrook, St. John.
And one other who wished his name withheld for the present. All for the 115th.

Things are going with a swing at recruiting headquarters, Mill street. Ten men were sworn in yesterday for the 115th. At last night's meeting John Keefe occupied the chair. Prof. Ford officiated at the piano and the patriotic orchestra rendered several selections. Rev. W. G. Lane was to have been the speaker but was not able to be present. The committee got in touch with Rev. M. E. Fletcher who consented to come to the rescue. While waiting for Mr. Fletcher Mr. Johnson gave one of his original songs which was much enjoyed by those present. Mr. Fletcher said it was always a pleasure to address a recruiting meeting and in that way do a little for the Empire. The war in which the Empire is engaged is a righteous one. The only reason the speaker was not in uniform was because the doctors would not pass him. During the Boer war he did not take any part in recruiting because as a Christian minister he did not feel sure Britain was doing the right thing but there is no question at all about this war.

At the close of Mr. Fletcher's speech Mr. A. G. Burnham sang a solo. D. A. Fox was accompanist.

In South End.

There was only a small attendance at the recruiting meeting held last night at the Temperance Hall in St. John's South End. Mr. E. Armstrong presided and gave a short address. Magistrate Ritchie spoke of the position in which Canada stands with regard to the war. He pointed out that Great Britain had been forced into the conflict and that she had taken the part of the weak. He closed with an eloquent appeal for recruits.

A fine exhibition of club swinging was given by the Cromwell and G. E. Launceston E. A. 1st; Drury, St. 2nd; Jones, John, 2nd; Burnside, Albert, 1st; Asbell, John, 1st; Sinclair, W. A., 2nd; Latimer, H. M., 1st; McMann, J. Boyd, 1st; Anderson, Rev. J. H., 1st; Braser, Louis A., 2nd; Brager, Chas., 1st; Smith, P. A., 2nd; Smith Fish Store, 3rd; McDonald, Miss K., 1st; Amland Bros., 5th; Golding, H., 1st; Duval, E. H., 1st; Demille, H. N., 1st; Epstein, K., 6th; Ruddick, R. C., 3rd; Robinson, Mrs. T. Barclay, 2nd; Cairns, E. H., 1st; Wallace, Robt., 1st; Dock Police, West St. John, 1st; Mercer, H. E., 2nd; Frink, Mrs. R. W. W., 2nd; Titus, Benj., 1st; Watson, Benj., 5th; Ledingham, D. W., 5th; Gallagher, R. E., 2nd; Cummings, Mrs. E. I. (two months), 1st; Rathburn, Geo. J., Westfield, 2nd; Kenney, Mrs. L. A., 5th; Kenney, Ray, 2nd; Sign of the Lantern (two months), 2nd; Dixon, M. S., (two months), 2nd; Postmaster and staff, St. John, 2nd; Letter Carriers, St. John, 2nd; McAvity & Sons, T., 100; Coster, Chas., 5th; Everett, A. R., 2nd; Rolston, John, 2nd; Stratton, W. C., 2nd; Sandall, Miss A. V., 2nd; Murray, Robt., 1st; Hazen, G. W., 2nd; Clark, W. S., 1st; Clark, T. E., 1st; Best, W. F. Mrs., 2nd; Frith, Rowland (two months), 2nd; Stevens, R., 5th; Lynch, D., 1st; Robson, W. L., (two months), 1st; Greig, Jas., 5th; Bracombe, G., 1st; Burnham, G. Jr. (two months), 2nd; Morrison, A., 2nd; Lynch, F. J., 1st; Marnie, Jas. S.

THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Some recent contributions received by the fund:
Single payments—Dickson, Geo. C. \$10; Macaulay Bros. & Co., \$50; Henrigan, Rev. E. C., Teyama, Japan, \$10; "G" \$60; Linsley, Byron D., \$10.
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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

I have 2 Krismas presents today, being a 5 cent bottle of muskidge for pop and a 3 cent pen wiper for my sister Gladie, and at first I hid them in the corner of my closet, and then I thawt sumboddy mite find them wile they was cleaning my room, so I took them down stairs and climbed up and put them away back awn the top shelf of the sitting room closet, wats noboddy dontever put anything, thinking, Noboddy wout ever find them heer, awl rite.

Wich jest then I herd pop openin the frunt door with his key, and I quick jumped out of the closet and shut the door, and pop calm upstares with a packidge in ech hand, and I sed Wats in them, pop.

O, wun thing and anuthin, sed pop.

And he went over and startid to look out the back windows, still holding the packidges, and I went out of the room and then quick came back agen and wat was pop doing but opening the closet door.

G, pop, wat are you going in there for, I sed.

Wat do you meen my fritening the life out of me in that mannir, and how dare you ask me my intensions in opening the door of wun of my own closets, sed pop.

You aint going to put those packidges in there, are you, I sed.

And wat if I am, sed pop, then wat.

Nothing, I sed.

Well, as a mittir of fackit, Im not, sed pop, I meerly opened the closet door bekaus I thawt I smelt gas escaping, not that theres any gas jet in the closet, of course, but wats that to you.

Wich jest then ma came in, saying, Wats awl this about the closet, you dont meen to say echthr of you was going to hide any Krismas presents in there, wats wats I intended to hide mine.

And no doubt if we put a cuppl of Berns detectives awn the case we wood discover that Gladie intends to hide here there, also, sed pop.

And he went out of the room with his 2 packidges, and I thawt, O, that closet aint sutch a safe place, after awl. And as soon as noboddy was in the setting room I took my 2 presents back to my room.

long illness. He was 60 years of age and is survived by a wife, a son, Bradford, of the Bank of British North America, and three daughters, Juna, Ida and Muriel.

The funeral will be held on Friday, probably from the Baptist church, of which he had been deacon for several years.

OBITUARY.

James H. Venning, a well known resident of St. John, passed away yesterday at his home on Mount Pleasant. He was in his 90th year. Mr. Venning was an engraver and was recognized as skilful at this trade, although he had not followed it for some time. Two brothers, Henry, formerly dominion fishery inspector for the province, now residing in Sussex, and George, with whom he made his home, and two sisters, Mrs. Ellen V. Dimmock and Mrs. Jane Jost, both of Halifax, survive. Another sister, Mrs. Emily V. Sears, died in Halifax a few days ago.

Russell J. Doten.

St. Stephen, Dec. 8.—Russell J. Doten, a well-known resident of St. Stephen, died this afternoon after a

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