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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, JULY 29, 1918.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—M. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

FERE-TARDENOIS.

That the army of the German Crown Prince has found the situation made so warm for him by the relentless Allies that he has been obliged to retreat to the banks of the Ourcq, abandoning his big base of supplies, Fere-Tardenois, was the excellent news that came from France yesterday. From the present outlook it is thought the Crown Prince will keep on going while the going is good. He will probably endeavor to find safety by taking a position behind the Vesle River, where his ranks would not be so exposed to an enfilading fire.

In the present phase of the retreating Tenthons the Allied tanks and cavalry are doing particularly splendid work. General Foch, ever cautious and careful, is not needlessly exposing his men to peril and for that reason the Allied casualties are not enormous, as would seem probable when reading dispatches telling of the desperate fighting done by the enemy. The tanks, waddling and dashing, succeed in driving back Germans where infantry would sustain heavy losses from gunfire in the open. When quick action is needed in sheltered places the cavalry are apparently used as last evening's dispatches tell of its good work. The Allies are practically in command of the whole road from Dormans to Rheims. Heavy German guns north-west of Rheims cover the German left flank and make pursuit slower for the Allies, but the enemy is gradually but surely being deprived of his suddenly acquired territory south of the Aisne.

SERBIA'S SACRIFICE.

Yesterday was the fourth anniversary of Serbia's refusal to meet the unreasonable demands of Austria, following a protracted imbroglio over the responsibility for the assassination of the Austrian Crown Prince and his princess in Bosnia. It is nearly four years ago since the Great War started, nominally over the trouble between these two countries. Russia supported Serbia and then several of the other big nations of Europe stepped into the turmoil and strife, which soon became general.

The Serbians, assisted by Montenegrins and later by Rumania fought well and effectively for a time, while Russia was delivering mighty blows, including the invasion of Germany, but in time all of the Allied countries in the Balkans were overwhelmed by numerically superior forces. The Serbians no longer possess their country and the same is true of the Montenegrins.

Yesterday the churches of the United States were called upon by Secretary of State Lansing to observe Serbia's Day and "to give expression to their sympathy with this wronged people and their oppressed and dominated kindred in other lands, and to invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon them and the cause in which they are pledged."

The sentiments of the United States regarding Serbia are the sentiments of Canada. We know how the Serbians have suffered. Several Canadians have suffered with them in Serbia, and we have sufficient acquaintance with the expatriated Serbians in New Brunswick to appreciate and understand in some measure at least what these people have endured at the hands of a merciless tyranny exercised by the Central Powers.

THE POSTMEN.

In a few places the postal employees have declined to accept the conclusion arrived at by the conference the other day that the postmen should remain at work while a committee of the Cabinet went into the wage question with representatives of the men. In Winnipeg and one or two other places the men are on strike and are pressing their demand for a board of conciliation, although the industrial disputes act makes no provision for arbitration between the Government and its employees.

The postmen so far have had the sympathy of the public behind them in their efforts to secure wage justice. The public believes the demands of the postmen are fair and that the Government has been at fault in delaying the payment of the increases.

But public sympathy will not remain with the postmen if they disrupt the postal service while the Government is acting on the conclusion of the recent conference and before any reason exists to believe the men will not receive fair treatment at its hands.

The postmen have waited a long time for these increases but now that the matter has been definitely taken up they can afford to wait a little longer.

Public opinion will see to it that postmen get what is due them if they

continue to act with reasonableness. Interference with the public service before their increases have been denied them will not benefit them.

Fortunately for the postmen, only a few seem inclined to take an unreasonable course.—Ottawa Journal-Press.

GERMAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

There are many signs of a big battle imminent and though it may prove nothing more than a defensive operation, it is well to be prepared for a violent reaction, says Arthur S. Draper, the London expert. Foch is showing the same patience which marked his strategy through the earlier critical days. He is exerting constant pressure, but he refuses to invest heavily without prompt and fruitful returns. He will not consent to a needless sacrifice for territory. Ludendorff decides, as the Kolnische Zeitung suggests, to throw everything into a gigantic fight to a decision, then Foch certainly will not hesitate, but it is unlikely that the German military authorities would select their present position for a final battle.

Germany's position politically is even more grave than it is militarily. Not only has last week brought depression to the German people but to their other allies because their faith in the strength of the German military power has been sadly disillusioned. Austria, which suffered German jibes and criticism following the Piave disaster a month ago, can plot severely over the German reverse, but Emperor Karl's burden has not been lightened by the military developments of the past week.

Hereafter Ludendorff will be on the defensive politically as well as militarily, and he must recover the initiative in France before he can dictate affairs to the Central Powers with the same assurance as he had this spring. Maximilian Harden's article in Die Zukunft contains sobering advice to the German leaders. He quotes Wilson's speech at Mount Vernon and Balfour's recent speech in the House of Commons to illustrate the bitterness of the Allies toward German militarists. He contrasts them with Hertling's utterances and the Junkers' demand for annexations and gives warning that there is a strong sentiment within the country against a militaristic policy.

Kuhlmann's prophecy has gained added weight since last week. Political pressure may drive Ludendorff into a military gamble against his better judgment. No long lull is likely at this period of the campaign.

The numerous drownings in this province this season probably indicate that many who go near the water are more or less careless, or in the case of young children it is likely that the older folks do not exercise sufficient supervision. This is particularly true of children wading or bathing. Usually bathing or swimming fatalities lead the list, but out of more than a score of drowning accidents in New Brunswick this year nearly half of them have befallen persons in boats, and some of the victims were expert sailors.

Late cables mention the increase of the revolutionary spirit in Germany. Since the defeat of the Crown Prince, letters have been found on prisoners which tell of a serious situation in the fatherland. While a revolution in Germany is not probable at this time, one will be dangerously likely should the Teutonic arms meet continued sweeping reverses. A successful revolution would undoubtedly end the war, but just now it is too soon to count on such a political change in that country.

Many people left St. John Saturday and Sunday to get some country air, but it is safe to say that they found an atmosphere laden with more heat than that of the city.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE MOTOR LAUNCH.

(The Rudder.)
Sing me a song of the frail M. L.,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Rolling about in an oily swell,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Out on a high explosive spree,
Petrol, hydride and T. N. T.,
Looking for a boat 2-3-3,
May the Lord have mercy upon us.

Sing me a song of a bold young "Lieut."
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Two gold bands on an oiled-for suit,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Ship and cable and full ahead,
Hark a starboard and heave the lead,
The detonators are in my bed,
May the Lord have mercy upon us.

Sing me a song of a bright young "Boat."
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
A very ignorant, half-baked cut,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Of the King's Regulations he knows not one,
He has left undone what he ought to have done,
And oh my Lord, when he fires that gun,
May the Lord have mercy upon us.

Sing me a song of a C. M. B.,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Bred in a garage and sent to sea,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Taken away from the motor trade,
Seaside, sorry, and sore dismayed,
But a hell of a knut on the Grand Parade,
May the Lord have mercy upon us.

Sing me a song of the M. L. cook,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
With a petrol stove in a greasy nook,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
Our meals, a lukewarm, lingering death,
We'll praise the Hun with our final breath,
If he'll strafe our galley and snap our chef,
May the Lord have mercy upon us.

Sing me a song of a North Sea base,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
A dirty, forgotten one-horse place,
May the Lord have mercy upon us;
When the wind blows west, how brave we are!
When the wind blows east, it's different far,
We wish we were back in the harbor bar,
May the Lord have mercy upon us.

SECRET OF SUCCESS.
You've got to think high to rise,
If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't;
If you like to win but you think you can't,
It's almost certain you won't;
If you think you'll lose, you've lost;
For out of the world we find success begins with a fellow's will;
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed you are;
You've got to think high to rise;
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the strongest or the man;
But soon or late the man who wins
Is the one who thinks he can.

A BIT OF FUN

Sure, He Did.

Intimate Friend (laughingly)—Imagine a degree being conferred on a man that never saw the inside of a college.

The Rich Guy (now L.L.D.)—Quit yer kidding! Where do you suppose they decorated me—out on the lawn?

Looking Ahead.

Tom—That's a singular gift for your fiancé, a cigarette case.
Dick—I know it, but she's just about due to break the engagement and return my presents, and I can use this myself.

Our Language.

"What sort of a man is Klosest?"
"Well, he's rather tight except when he's tight, then he loosens up a bit."

Overheard.

One of the mourners—Well, they gave Obrien an elegant funeral. She—it could have been a proud day for him if he'd lived to see it.

Conservative.

Instructor (in college journalism)—Suppose you were prominent in Society with a capital S—committed suicide by hanging, would you call that a big story?
Freshman—Fairly large—provided she used her rope of parris.

So Considerate.

She—What part of the city shall we live in after we are married, dear?
Necy—Ah—er—won't your father be offended if he thinks we don't consider his home good enough for us?

Progressing.

Big—How are you making out on your resolution to economize?
Dick—Fine! I've got my running expenses slowed down to a walk.

More Time for Knitting.

"I see that fewer pockets in men's clothes have been ordered."
"What's the idea?"
"To save time in going through them."

Wouldn't Lose in Style.

Wm. W. Wiggins—If yer had \$50,000, what would yer do?
Tired Tim—Same as now; only I'd do it in an automobile.

The Sweetest Words.

"There is a difference of opinion as to the sweetest words in the English language," said the sentimentalist.
"Eats award the palm to 'I love you.'"

"So they do, but personally I prefer paid in full."

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

A king is a man that wears a crown instead of a hat and sits on a throne instead of a chair, both being gold to make up for being somnolent. Only no matter how hard he thrums is, a king can't wiggle around, on account of it wouldn't be dignified to leave his subjects see that he has as many feelings as anybody else.

A king's son is a prince, no matter how young of a king's son he is, as de lady king is a queen, and a queen's daughter is a princess, no matter how young of a queen's daughter she is. A prince has to marry a princess, whether he feels like it or not. If there isn't many princesses to choose from, he has to choose from what there is.

If you saw a lot of little princesses running around without any clothes on, you couldn't tell them from anybody else, which is properly the reason why they never run around like that. This proves that everybody has a chance of being born equal, depending on who their parents is.

A king uses to be able to order his subjects heads chopped off if he didn't like their looks, which he generally didn't, but after a while the common people got tired of having that done to them and resented it, and after a few kings had got their own heads chopped off they decided it wasn't as much fun as they thought it was.

Princesses soon there won't be any more kings and queens, which will make all princesses and princesses useless.

No matter how short a king is, it is a crime if you don't call him Your Highness.

PREMIERS PRESENT

AN ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY

Sir Robert Borden Makes Presentation on Behalf of Visitors—Closer Bonds Within Empire.

London, July 27.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—The following address was read by Sir Robert Borden was presented to His Majesty the King yesterday:

"We, the representatives of the governments of the British Empire, before returning to our homes, to again express our feelings of devotion to your majesty and loyalty to the throne. We have met, as we did last year, in a time of stress and anxiety which has been unparalleled for a century, but that very stress and anxiety evoked on the part of your people everywhere a continuing unanimity of resolution to preserve their rights and liberty, which proved to the world that war and suffering did not tend to dissolve but rather to unite the empire. Whatever the future may keep in store we are confident that your people in every part of your dominions will in a most fixed and determined manner maintain your empire against all chaotic changes without, while drawing closer within the bonds, being each a part in unity of which the throne is the outward visible symbol."

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, July 27.—Today's list of eighty-two casualties includes two killed in action, two accidentally killed, eight died, one missing, four prisoners, and one drowned. One gassed and eight ill. These from the maritime provinces follow:

Infantry.
Accidentally killed—
Lieut. E. M. Scovell, St. Stephen, N. B. (Previously announced).
Died—
C. Rose, Newfoundland.
Missing—
Lieut. J. A. Cyr, St. Hilaire, N. B. Artillery.
Wounded—
F. J. Conaghan, South Nelson, N. B. Gassed—
J. Watson, address not stated.
Ill—
G. Watters, Parville, N. B. Railway Troops.
Wounded—
N. Jones, address not stated.
W. Boutillier, 874 Barrington street, Halifax.

Ottawa, July 28.—Today's list of sixty-one casualties reports four Canadian soldiers killed in action; two missing, and believed to have been killed; four died of wounds; two died, one led whilst prisoner; one prisoner repatriated, thirty-six wounded, three gassed and eight ill. The names follow:—

INFANTRY
Died whilst prisoner—
A. R. Stimejski, Sydney, N. S. Ill—
G. A. Kennedy, Halifax, N. S. ENGINEERS
Wounded—
F. Mayes, St. John, N. B.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF WAR.
NOTICE.
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