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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.

## MORE MEN WANTED.

The announcement from Ottawa that Canada will send 35,000 more men to the fighting lines in Europe has been looked for. Recent events in the war zones have shown that the end of the struggle is yet far away, and that, if Germany is to be crushed, many more men will be needed on the western front. The British and French troops report gains, but they are not of a magnitude to afford hope that the task of driving the Germans back into their own country will be accomplished without a great outlay of men and munitions of war. These must be furnished by the British Empire, for it has been evident that France is nearing the limit of her resources. General Joffre, himself, has suggested that the French people can create no new armies, but expresses confidence that they will be able to maintain their lines at least at the present strength.

If the situation is at all as it is now understood to be, Germany has not yet reached her limit of men. Only yesterday despatches intimated that another huge army was to be sent to the western front, and the men to make up that army must have come from somewhere; there is no evidence that Germany has appreciably reduced the strength of her forces engaged against the Russians, and the Italians have not been in the war long enough for their splendid armies to exercise the pressure hoped for.

To date, Germany has been fighting outside of her own country, and in positions which she has had to prepare as she occupied them. When she sets on her own territory the story will be different. It has been known that she has been preparing for this struggle for many, many years, and if she displays the same thoroughness in providing defences in her own cities and towns that she has shown in all other matters connected with her prosecution of the war, then the many important towns lying between her present fighting lines and Berlin should be most impregnable. To assault and subdue such positions will require a vast number of men, more, it will likely prove, than have yet been assembled, and there will be very heavy casualties, for it is a well known truth of war that casualties are always heaviest in the ranks of the attacking party. For reasons already stated, attacking parties must be British, hence the call for more men.

The Montreal Gazette, in a thoughtful article along this line, says in part:

"The new force that will break the German line, restore the enemy-occupied departments to France and free Belgium, if it is to be found in the west, must be British. It has not been landed in the fighting zone yet. It would seem, and part of it may have to be created. There is a chance, of course, that Italy will by its invasion of Austrian territory create such a situation that the German line will collapse. Italy's army, however, has to operate in the hardest field of the whole war; many months will be required for the development of its campaign; and the possibility of another winter's trench fighting is not lightly to be regarded. So this country, as well as the United Kingdom, is called upon to put forth greater efforts."

Of course, as the Gazette points out, there is the possibility that before the new armies are ready the German war power may collapse, but this hope is not as strong in Britain now as it was two or three months ago. The more reasonable, though less rosy, view is that this will be a long hard war, and every man who can be sent to the front will be needed. Canada has a very apparent duty, and it should not be neglected.

## THE RUSSIANS COMING BACK.

That the Russians would gather new strength from reinforcements and make a counter-attack against the German and Austrian armies, was expected by close followers of the campaign in that area of fighting. Despatches on Thursday night indicated the expected reinforcements had arrived and this information was followed yesterday by the statement that the Russians had turned, checked the advance on Lemberg, and inflicted a serious defeat on the enemy. It is reported that not only is the new Russian line safely landed in France. The

next news will be that they are doing splendid work against the common foe.

It is said that Germany is building submarines at the rate of one each week. The submarine has brought to Germany more trouble than help.

The announcement that Britain would aid Italy in financing the war is another evidence that the pocket of John Bull is not yet exhausted.

## Current Comment.

So Angry Still.  
(New York Evening Sun.)  
Some of the German papers are still angry at the Americans who perished on the Lusitania.

Say 20 Minutes.  
(New York World.)  
The remark of Herr von Jagow, German foreign secretary, that the United States should give Germany plenty of time to discuss prevailing differences seems reasonable. How would the time given to the Americans on the Lusitania do as a starter?

The Poisonous Gases.  
(Winnipeg Telegram.)  
Curiously enough, if the United States were to go to war with Germany, the use of asphyxiating gases by any or all of the belligerents would become lawful warfare. The United States never signed nor ratified the Hague convention relating to the use of asphyxiating gases.

The Northcliffe Way.  
(Hamilton Herald.)  
At present the Northcliffe papers in Britain are bitterly attacking Kitchener. But make no mistake about Northcliffe. If it appears that the public confidence in Kitchener cannot be shaken, the Northcliffe papers will promptly turn completely around and extol Kitchener as the one man who can save the country. That's the Northcliffe way.

## To My Son.

(Wounded—Somewhere in Flanders.)

The British Baker.

Last of my race; As brave a lad and true

As ever yet rejoiced a father's heart.

How long it seems since when we looked on you

As you fared forth to play a hero's part.

Dry-eyed we gazed, although our hearts might bleed;

Proud that you went, yet sad that you should go;

Proud that you failed not in the hour of need.

Sad unto death, because we loved you so.

How slow the hours! Six moons have waned,

Each moon a year to those whose every thought

Followed your fate with anxious hearts and strained.

Hoping, yet fearing, what each message brought;

And now you wounded lie—we know not where.

Nor how, or when it was you were laid low.

Nor yet what hand it is whose tender care

Dresses your wound; but this at least we know—

You kept unstained the ancient name you bore;

You faced the foe with heart serene and high.

Holding your faith that honor still is more

Than life itself; that freedom cannot die.

While one remains who will not bow the knee

To might alone! All hallowed is the place

Where blood like thine is shed for liberty.

Hero of mine, my boy, last of my race!

## Jewels and Junk.

SI WOGGLES.

(Washington Star.)

Si Woggles was a grocer's clerk. Who grew superior to his work.

He got to thinking more and more That he knew how to run the store.

He pointed out with feelings grim The profits that were due to him.

And he attributed each loss To interference by the boss.

He fairly made him weep to see How obstinate the boss could be.

Si reasoned with him and he tried To check those efforts misapplied.

That careless boss he answered back And said that he would run the shack.

The conscience of Si Woggles burned. His thoughts to desperation turned.

Till finally his fettered mind Became so fierce that Si resigned!

Sad was the day when Si no more Came round to open up the store.

And weigh the merchandise with care And gossip with a friendly air.

And yet the people came to buy. Some few said, "What's become of Si?"

But somehow that old grocery store Keeps doing business as of yore.

Germany must be disappointed that after hurting millions of shells at the Russians the Muscovites should come

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Willum, wat on erth have you got that peec of string tied around yure finger for, it looks to reedickilus for eything, ma sed to pop last nite.

By Jukiter, I put that awn at the orfiss this afternoon to remind me of sumthing, sed pop. And he looked at his finger as if it was the first time he evvir saw it and then he got up and startid to wawk around the room scratching his hed.

You dont meen to say you cant remembr wat it was you wanted to remind yureself of, sed ma.

Youve hit the nale awn the bean, my deer, sed pop, now wat the dickins was it.

And he kepp awn wawking up and down the setting room thinking and saying, No, it coodent be that, and it coodent be that, now wat in the naim of Daniel Webstir was it, wat evvir it was it was verry importint. I rememb bir that mutch.

It wasent by any chance to remind you to take me out trolly riding or to the movies, was it, sed ma.

No, hang draw and quartir it aw, sed pop. And he kepp awn wawking and thinking and scratching his hed and saying, Now wat the dickins, wat the mischiff, lets see now.

The idee of tying a string around his finger to remind him of sumthing and then forgetting wat, hee hee, sed ma.

As Shakespeer or sumbody sed, Tell me wat you laff at and ill tell you the dimenshins of yure mind, sed pop.

And he kepp awn trying to remembr wat it was he didnt want to for get, and he was still trying wen I went to bed, and this morning wile we was eating breakfast ma sed, O, by the way, Willum, have you remembred yet w at the string was for, wen I went tobed last nite you were still pacing the setting room scratching yure hed, and that was awmost midnite.

I remembred it the first thing this morning, sed pop, it was to remind me to go to bed erly becase I didnt have mutch sleep the nite befor.

Hee hee, sed ma.

Pass the buttir please, sed pop.

ack. Well, those shells had to be thrown somewhere.

It's You

If you want to be a successful man. If you want to come out on top. You have got to start in a working part.

And at working never stop. You will have to buck what they call "hard luck."

And rebuffs you'll meet quite a few. But you'll understand, when called "lucky man."

It isn't just luck—it's you. —E. W. McColm.

Dr. Dernburg's joy at returning to his native land will be tempered with that of the prodigal son or the fat-tired calf.

Biblical Instruction

Who was Shylock, Aunt Ethel?" "My dear! And you go to Sunday school and don't know that!"

Beck's Weekly suggests as a motto for Canadian recruits, "Drill ye, train ye, drill ye."

The Italians have occupied Gradiska—news, despatch. If this is true, it is a great triumph for the townski should be located somewhere near those Russian towns whose names sound as if they had been sprinkled out of a salt cellar.

A Double Resignation

Mr. Bryan has resigned but you've got to bear in mind That he's not exactly lonely in that act.

For though his resignation is a cause of perturbation, His country too's resigned—to the fact.

Przemysl has fallen twice, but Niagara falls all the time.

So they caught four submarines in the bay. Getting into the bay was sure to bring them into hot water.

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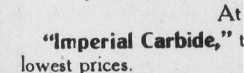
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