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CONCERNING OFFICERS.

The fact that there are nearly eight thousand Canadian officers in England who are fit for duty in France, but remain on English soil at a cost to Canada of something like $40,000 per day, is especially significant in connection with the treatment of wounded officers who return to England. Here is a typical case. A lieutenant who was promoted in France to the rank of captain and then of major was wounded and sent to England. From that moment he reverted to the pay of a lieutenant. He will return to France as a lieutenant. Why should an officer lose rank when he is wounded? If a major, why should he not get a major's pay? If anybody is to be reduced, why should it not be the majors who stay in England instead of those who win honors and suffer wounds at the front? The Canadian military authorities are responsible for the regulation. Why was it made, and why should a practically non-combatant officer rank higher for pay than one who gained promotion on the field and had the misfortune thereafter to be wounded? One of the reasons why we need a change of government is the need of a thorough investigation and reorganization of our military affairs in England. Possibly some changes might also be made with advantage in Canada. There are certainly some people who entertain that view. What has the country gained by the retirement of Sir Sam Hughes?

SHOWING US THE WAY

Food Controller Hoover of the United States, is not afraid to blaze new trails. The price of the 1917 wheat crop is to be fixed by a commission, gambling on the wheat exchanges is to be stopped, even if the government has to purchase the whole crop, and the control of all elevators and large mills is to be taken over to prevent hoarding.

The aim of Mr. Hoover is to lower the price of bread at home as well as to protect the Allies. The people of the United States will applaud his act.

It is unfortunate that in Canada, after three years of war, there is no authority to stand between the people and the profiteers. We must look to a newcomer in the war for an example of leadership. The Borden government has been too close to the big financial interests ever since the war began. It has been timid when it was not worse, and as a result a great many people go about their business as if there were no war in progress—spending their money and making more, and forgetting the men who are fighting their battles in the blood-drenched fields of Flanders.

The realization of government inefficiency and partisanship in Canada has been pressed home by the reports of what is being done in other countries, and it is not surprising that so many citizens insist that the defeat of the Borden government is the first thing to be accomplished in the task of reorganization and the complete mobilization of the nation for war purposes.

The report of what the American food controller is doing reminds us that the Canadian food controller has not yet done anything radical or revolutionary—or shown any signs of an ambition to make the sort of record a food controller should make for himself.

A THEORY CONFIRMED.

The fortuitous combination of happenings which secured a sub-contract at the Valley Railway is an interesting confirmation of the truth of the evolution theory. Mr. Smith & Mr. Merrithew were looking for a partner. Their work was to be done in Kings county. Mr. Fenwick of Kings county was a friend of Mr. George B. Jones, a member of the legislature representing that county. The wind of destiny blew upon Mr. Smith and Mr. Merrithew, Mr. Jones and Mr. Fenwick, and also upon Mr. J. B. M. Baxter. When it ceased to blow there had been evolved a partnership which included Smith, Merrithew and Fenwick, and which found ready for its sustenance and growth a fat contract on the Valley Railway. It was a purely fortuitous development. It just happened. Mr. Fenwick was not required to put forth any efforts to be absorbed into the new organism. He just could not help it. Destiny had marked him out for this distinction. This is perfectly clear from the evidence of Mr. Smith and Mr. Merrithew. They, also, were but as reeds blown in the winds of fate. But it was a beneficent fate, for it brought to the newly evolved entity the cream from the Valley Railway milk-jar, on which to grow and flourish. Who will have the courage to say, in the face of the evidence, that there is nothing in the theory of evolution?

Those who parade Sir Clifford Sifton as one of the prospective saviours of Canada in this crisis should seek some other employment. The Canadian people have had enough of his sort of leadership. There is no doubt of his ability, but it has been too often misdirected.

Of the Winnipeg convention the Halifax Chronicle says: "This assembly of delegates, a thousand strong, from the Pacific Coast to the Great Lakes, was signalized by a spirit of harmony and unity that was quite remarkable. It reached its conclusions with almost perfect unanimity. It was solidly Liberal. It gave no comfort or consolation to the tory party in any shape or form. It made it clear at the outset, that it appraised as base and unworthy in the highest degree, the record and administration of the Borden government. It repudiated in no uncertain way the government leaders and all their ways. The significance of this great convention is unmistakable. Liberalism is the dominating force of the west. The four provinces west of the Great Lakes will send fifty-seven members to the next parliament. There is now the happy promise that they will march under the victorious banners of militant Liberalism, which will give to Canada a government broad based upon the people's will, worthy of the high destiny of this young nation of the British commonwealth."

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It is found that even in "Tory Toronto" there are still supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Ward 5 Liberal Association met this week and adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, that this association place on record its unswerving loyalty to British connection and to the continuance of Canadian participation in the war to the full extent of all our resources in men, money and supplies; and further, that this association places itself on record as having the greatest confidence in the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and that it desires to express its belief that when he is returned to power in the forthcoming election he will be able to unite the various sections of the country in such a manner as will insure Canada's being able to put forth the greatest effort towards winning the war." There are Toronto Liberals who do not agree with this pronouncement, so far as leadership is concerned, but they are all agreed that the Borden government should go.

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The further gain made by the British and French on the western front this week confirms the report that the German resistance is gradually weakening, while the Allies are aggressive, confident, and superior in strength. Yesterday's report said that the Canadians leaped over the parapet and "swept forward with the invincible precision which has characterized the work of the great British fighting machine." A report of that kind makes the pulse quicken. The men in France and Flanders are doing their duty. Are we at home doing ours?

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Former Czar Nicholas and family have gone to their summer residence, but they no longer figure in the society news of Europe. In fact we are not told when they went, and they travelled in "an ordinary train." They are perhaps fortunate in being removed to a place where mob violence cannot reach them. Their day of power is of the past. Perhaps in the end they will be happier. The world has no such feeling of bitterness toward them as toward the autocrats of Germany.

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Long after this war is over the world will recoil with horror when it contemplates the savagery of the Germans. This generation owes to succeeding generations, even in Germany, to make such savagery impossible in the future. To be war-weary and inclined to make peace before that is accomplished would be a grievous sin against humanity.

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The Halifax Herald quotes President Watters of the Trades and Labor Congress as saying: "I am a conscriptionist." And then the conscriptionists in the audience pelted him with eggs. Apparently he was not their sort of conscriptionist. But perhaps to be showered with eggs at their present price is a token of esteem.

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The Standard's labored effort today to escape the force of the criticism of this paper does not alter the facts. The Standard yesterday printed what was practically an endorsement of the refusal to Mr. J. C. Watters of the right of free speech in a British country.

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Of one thing let us be sure. Politics or no politics, Canada is in the war to a finish. If it should be otherwise the graves of our heroic dead would be our everlasting shame. We must see to it that they shall not have died in vain.

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The German submarine toll last week was the smallest since March. This is one of the most cheering items of the news, and it is supplemented by the story of the brilliant achievement of the British army at Lens.

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The evidence in the Valley Railway enquiry reveals to the people of New Brunswick the price they must pay for refusing to defeat the old government in 1912.

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I saw you kneel at a grave-side—
How still a grave can be.
Wrapt in the tender starlight, for from the moaning sea!
But through all dreams and starlight the breakers call to me.

Oh! steep is your way to Silence—
But steeper the ways I roam,
For never a road can take me beyond the wind and foam,
And never a road can reach him who lies so far from home.

—Ruth Guthrie Harding, in Public Opinion.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Ample Provision.

You never think of the future. Have you made the slightest provision for a rainy day?"

"I should say so. I've borrowed a silver-handled silk umbrella."

Envious Pa.

Young Johnny had been reading the evening paper, and paused contemplatively for a few moments. "Father," said he, "what is 'inertia?'"

"Well," replied the father, "if I have it, it's pure laziness, but if your mother has it, it is nervous prostration.'"

Proved.

"Of course women should vote," he said. "Women deserve the suffrage as much as men—more, because their minds are purer and cleaner."

"Cleaner?" cried the sweet young thing he had taken in to dinner. "Of course they are, ever and ever so much cleaner. But how do you know that?"

"Because they change them so much oftener," said he, solemnly.

Couldn't Escape.

With pathetic tears on her baby cheeks little Ethel ran up to the big, stalwart policeman.

"P-p-please, sir," she sobbed, "will you come and lock a bad man up?"

"What's he been doing?" asked the man in blue, gently.

"Oo-boo-boo," wailed Ethel, "he's b-b-broken up my hoop wif 'is nasty bicycle."

"Has he?" replied the bobbie angrily, as he saw her tears flow afresh. "Where is he?"

"Oh, you'll easily catch 'im," said Ethel, drying her tears. "They've just carried 'im into that chemist's shop on a shutter!"

MAPS OF U. S. DEFENSES FOUND ON A GERMAN

Prisoner, Who Says He is a Fisherman, Also Took Soundings Near Puget Sound.

Seattle, Aug. 16.—Richard L. Lehmann, a German arrested here, was in possession of maps of the Strait of Juan De Fuca, Puget Sound coast defenses, and the Puget Sound navy station, and had made soundings in the strait and at Neah Bay, Wash., according to a statement by federal officials.

He also had chemicals and poisons. The prisoner professed to be a fisherman.

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GERMANY'S LOST COLONIES

South Africans Would End the Menace to Their Peace

To the Editor of the New York Times:

I have read with a great deal of interest the letter on "Germany in Africa," but there are more important reasons why these colonies will not be returned to Germany.

Germans have had the right to enter any British colony to live there and to trade there, the same as a Britisher, but let a Britisher enter a German colony and he will soon learn his presence is undesirable and he is plainly told so.

The Germans, wherever they have gone to colonize, have failed, except with cruel brute force, to control the natives living in her colonies. Germany is not a colonizing nation.

The most important reason—and it is unanswerable—why the South African colonies will not be returned to Germany is this: It has been proved by the union government of South Africa that for years the Germans have intrigued and have been at the bottom of any little unpleasantness we have had since the Boer war, with a view to the invasion of our colonies. This means menace, as far as the late German West African colony is concerned, is removed and finished with, and we who know South Africa so well are content to leave the matter in the hands of Botha and Smuts, who have declared that this colony shall never be returned.

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Canadians Enter Lens

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 15—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press—In the battle of Lens, which began at daybreak this morning, the Canadians have once more made a splendid and successful attack upon historic ground. The early reports indicate that the Germans first and support lines, along a front of over 4,000 yards extending from the environs of Lens to the Chalk Pits, 1,500 yards south of Huuluck, have been carried by storm.

The assaulting waves included men from all parts of the dominion. The war-worn veterans among them who answered the first call in 1914, were mingled with the recent drafts from the base, and whose first action it was. All alike went forward with irresistible ardor over the most difficult ground, driving the enemy back before them. Among the objectives was Hill 70, east of Loos, where a fiercely contested battle was fought in September, 1915, and the Cite St. Laurent, the northern suburb of Lens.

News has come in from the troops who followed up and passed through the waves of attack that they have reached a point east of Hill 70, almost a mile from their jumping-off trench. The enemy put up a strong resistance, and will probably counter-attack in force as soon as his reserves can be brought up, but what Canadian valor has won, can be trusted to hold.

Hill 70 is regarded by artillery experts as the key to Lens, and the enemy will not surrender the city except under unendurable pressure. No particulars as to our losses, or the number of prisoners taken, are yet available, but the artillery preparation was most thorough, and it is hoped that in the masses of churned up and shell pitted chalk on Hill 70, and in the halfsquare mile of wrecked miners' houses in St. Laurent, few shelters remained for the enemy machine guns—his most effective means of defence.

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It Seems Unlikely

(Bangor Commercial.)

The suggestion is made, and is reported to be receiving attention in high naval circles, that the German high seas fleet is likely soon to attempt action and that the Teuton plan is to avoid the British fleet, and, slipping away, strike at some point on the American coast. It is not entirely an improbable suggestion but the odds are greatly against such a sally meeting with success, or at least with success that would be commensurate with the German losses.

It has long been expected that the Germans will engage in a great naval engagement before they sue for peace, realizing that the odds are heavily against them but making the effort as a last resort. It is said that the German people are vexed at the inaction of their fleet and now that the submarine campaign has not starved England are especially anxious that the attempt be made.

There seems one thing certain and that is that if the German fleet takes to the high seas at any distance from its base, that if it emerge from its great defensive position for operation, it is doomed. And when the fleet is destroyed Germany is done. The British fleet is vastly superior to that of Germany and there is also the American fleet that the Germans would be obliged to reckon with and that is not greatly inferior to the Teuton naval machine. It is inconceivable that the Germans could win success in a general engagement.

On the other hand if they could succeed in slipping away from the British fleet the German ships would certainly be able to inflict a great loss upon shipping before they were destroyed and they might strike a damaging blow at some of the big cities on the Atlantic coast. But when the German fleet sails for the high seas it cuts its anchors and sails to ultimate destruction. It is clear that the German Admiralty will not issue such an order except as a last gamblers throw and after having arrived at the determination to inflict as much damage as possible upon their foes before the final submission. And it seems more than questionable, in spite of pressure at home if such an attempt with the odds so vastly against them would be made.

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