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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.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

When the revolutionists succeeded in freeing the Russian court and government from alleged pro-German influences the achievement was hailed all over the world as a distinct advantage to the Allies. Russia, claimed that "mighty Russia," freed from autocracy, would respond to her new found liberty with still greater efforts in behalf of the powers fighting for freedom. Events have not justified that claim and each day makes it more apparent that there exist in Russia influences and factions which must be sternly dealt with if the eastern battle line of the Allies is not to be the scene of disasters even greater than those recorded during the past few days.

Russia, now, has more reason for fighting in behalf of the Allies than she ever had, and yet her work does not commence to compare with what her armies accomplished while the House of Romanoff ruled with iron hand. Yesterday's despatches conveyed the information that a whole division of Russian troops, proving disloyal, had been shot down by their own guns at the command of Russia's new minister. While the punishment may appear drastic yet, beyond doubt, it fitted the crime. In time of war there can be no mercy for the traitor no matter what his rank, and it is easy to understand that in the present condition of the east the mutiny of a division of supposedly loyal troops would seriously affect the morale of the whole army unless the guilty ones were promptly and severely punished.

Russia has the man-power to come back and deal with blows at the back and the only consolation it affords is the fact that no matter what success the Germans may gain there it is not in that area the war will be lost or won.

The plight of Russia simply adds to the burden on the British Empire and the United States. These great nations, after all, may have to win the war without much more assistance from their companions in arms. Fortunately they are not unequal to the task.

THE CALL IS FOR UNITY.

The Moncton Transcript, in discussing the conscription measure, has this to say: "Do the wage-earners realize the situation? Let them remember that when the conscription bill becomes a law the press of this country is gagged because the conscripts, who are today ruling at Ottawa are afraid to meet arguments upon the public platforms of this country against their policy."

The editor of the Moncton Transcript as a native Englishman would be much better advised if, instead of attempting to stir up political rancor, he should follow the example of Dr. Michael Clark and other patriotic English-Canadians. It is the plain and simple duty of every patriotic man and every patriotic newspaper to urge the formation of a union government consecrated to conscription and all other measures that may be necessary to win the war. The situation demands that patriotic and loyal Canadians unite without regard to previous political affiliations or prejudices and form combinations which at one time might be deemed impossible. Such a course may involve some sacrifice but it must be followed for the welfare of Canada and the Empire. It is no time for political recriminations or the promotion of divisions in the country. There is a common enemy to be fought in Europe and loyal Canada must face him with the greatest possible effectiveness. That is the obligation of the hour. Political considerations can wait until the war is over.

CAN'T FACE BOTH WAYS.

Discussing the duty of the electorate in the approaching elections, the Toronto Globe rather innocently remarks that a Liberal candidate "will have no right to the votes of conscriptionist Liberals unless he is pledged to support a conscriptionist programme." Will he have a right to conscriptionist votes even then? asks the Ottawa Journal. Surely the candidate who

sincerely wants Canada to adopt conscription is not going to oppose Sir Robert Borden, working for conscription, and support Laurier, who is against conscription.

It is becoming plain that it is the intention of the Liberal leaders to conduct their campaign on free-for-all lines; to run conscriptionist candidates where conscription is supposed to be popular and to run anti-conscriptionist candidates where conscription is thought to be unpopular. And it is just that kind of tricky sectionalism that the people will have to guard against.

A candidate against the Government in this election will be trying to beat the Government, and the man who is trying to beat the Government will be trying to beat conscription, no matter what he professes to believe.

SIAM IN THE WAR.

The editor of an Ontario exchange has gone to the reference library to secure information concerning Siam, the most recent addition to the ranks of Germany's enemies, and he submits some interesting facts. It will probably be surprising to most Canadians to learn that our newest ally has a population nearly as large as our own, the last census, an indifferent one, placing the number of people in that country at between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000. Its territory is greater than that of the German Empire. It has a standing army of 20,000 men and a few small gunboats as the nucleus of a navy. Compulsory military service prevails. As an active enemy against the Germans, however, it can scarcely be regarded as a factor.

Siam, while entering the conflict against autocracy, is an absolute monarchy. The King rules without dictation from any quarter—except it be from his own household. He has, however, made a concession to democracy in that he has a legislative council of state, which conforms somewhat to the Reichstag, in that it may propose—but the King disposes as he deems wise.

The trade of the country is largely in rice, this staple accounting for eighty-four per cent. of the total commerce. Teak wood is next in order with nearly five per cent. The rice trade alone is estimated to be worth \$20,000,000 per year.

The integrity of Siam is guaranteed by France and Britain, hence it is not surprising that that country has decided to announce its hostility to Germany. Siamese territory lies between French Indo-China and British Burma, so the King of Siam had no other course except to declare himself as a friend of his protectors and an enemy of their enemies.

COMPULSION AND FREEDOM.

(Toronto News). Canada, like other Allied countries, is cursed with faint-hearted folk who shiver at the notion of compulsion. They forget that compulsion is constant in a democracy. Taxes are collected under compulsion. Force is used to keep children at school. A man cannot even drive his motor as he desires. He cannot build a house in a city without complying with the by-laws. In the rural districts the Government may destroy property for the benefit of the public. Foul brood in an animal is not permitted. Our whole life is hedged about with restrictions. Compulsion of the individual for the benefit of the community is the soul of freedom. The empty cry that we have no right to conscript our citizens, even in the face of the most barbarous and savage of empires, is the whimper of a child and could not come from an adult intellect.

ST. JOHN STUDENTS AT SUMMER CONFERENCE.

Successful Institution for College Girls Being Held at Acadia College, Wolfville.

The first summer conference for the college girls of the Maritime Provinces is now meeting in Acadia College, Wolfville. Forty-five students are enrolled, representing Dalhousie, Mount Allison, Acadia, University of New Brunswick, and Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. The conference is held in conjunction with that of the missionary education movement and is under the leadership of Miss Winnifred Thomas of St. John, eastern student secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

Among the speakers and leaders of classes are prominent leaders in missionary activity. Classes in mission study are being given by Mr. H. W. Lyons, of Indore, Central India; Rev. R. E. Gillson, also of India, and Rev. H. C. Fryer, secretary of the missionary education movement. Bible study classes are being conducted by Prof. J. W. Falconer of Pine Hill College,

Halifax; Prof. Falconer of Acadia, and W. H. Barracough of Moncton. Other speakers are George Irving, editor of the North American Student; Mr. Robbins, foreign secretary of the American Baptist Board; Mrs. H. W. Lyons, secretary of the student volunteer movement. The members of the conference were welcomed on the first night of the conference by Rev. Mr. Harkness, pastor of the Baptist church, Wolfville, on behalf of the town and the college. The following are the St. John students registered at the conference: Nellie Melrose, Mildred Wilson, Frances Jordan, Marion Machum, Helen Ginter, Faith Henderson.

ACADIAS THINK THEY CAN TRIM THE MAPLES OF ST. PETER'S LEAGUE.

Acacias Forging to the Front—Defeated Beavers Last Night—Openly Challenge O'Connor's Crowd.

The Acacias met the Beavers on the Barrack Square last night in a very fast and exciting game of ball, which went four innings ending in favor of the Acacias 1—0. Chestnut did the twirling for the Acacias allowing but one hit and walking but two men. In addition, he had seven strikeouts. He also pulled off a good stunt in the fourth. When Stewart attempted to sacrifice a man on first, he caught the fly and threw McGilgan, who doubled the man on first. Another feature of the game was the fielding of Lathan and Jacobson, of the Acacias.

Hubbert was on the mound for the Beavers and pitched a good steady game having four strike-outs to his credit. The Acacias orphan run came in the second, when Kerrigan hit beyond second, stole the second bag, reached third on an overthrow and crossed the plate, when Appleby missed Logan's third strike.

The team lined up as follows: Acacias, Frisars, c.; Chestnut, p.; McGilgan, 1st.; Green, 2nd.; Kerrigan, 3rd.; Lathan, s.; Logan, c.; Noddin, r.f.

Beavers, Appleby, c.; Hubbert, p.; Tobin, 1st.; Corbel, 2nd.; Stewart, 3rd.; Hazen, s.; Lathan, 1st.; Sterling, c.; and Lennihan, r.f.

The score by innings was as follows:—
Acacias 0 0 0 0 1 3—4
Beavers 0 1 0 0 1 3—2

BORN IN GERMANY, DENOUNCES KAISER.

Jacob Cratts Hopes They'll Kick Him Out and Put a President in His Place.

How one German-American—he spells German with a little g and American with a capital A—feels about Germany is shown in the following letter to the editor of the Sioux City (Iowa) Journal:

"I have seen several articles in the Journal about Germans trying to raise money for the Kaiser. I am a German by birth but I am an American by heart and hand. I will tell you why I left Germany. There were ten in our family and we were poor like the most of my countrymen who came to the good old United States of America to get away from oppression, and it was a hard matter to keep the wolf away from the door at times. When I landed in this country I secured work at once and received more money for one month's work than I got in Germany for one year's work. I sent for my folks and I am proud that they are all true American citizens and will answer the President's call to arms against Germany, or any other country when needed."

"I don't see how my countrymen can go back on Uncle Sam. They came here without a cent and made money here; now they want to fight the country that feeds them. The Kaiser never did anything for them or for me. And if he had we would be there yet. All he did was to start this cruel war and starve all our people there, and make soldiers out of everybody and force them to work for his dirty 12 cents a day, with a fourth of a pound of meat and a loaf of black bread. I hope to see the day when he is kicked out of Germany and a president put in his place."

"You don't see any Americans going over there for jobs or to any other nation. They are happy here and don't owe any allegiance to any King or Kaiser."

"I hope Uncle Sam will win. Hurrah for President Wilson!"
Stop all foreign papers printed in the United States. If they can't read English, let them learn; and keep all foreign languages out of the schools. The English language is good enough for anybody."
Yours for America,
"JACOB CRATTS."

Change in C. G. R. Night Suburban.

After solicitation of the majority of suburbaners using No. 236 train, the management have agreed to start it at 11:30 p. m. instead of 11:00 p. m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday, commencing Monday next, July 30th. On Saturday this train will leave at 11:00 p. m. This arrangement is understood as an experiment and with the understanding that there will be no additional stops put on No. 10 train on account of train 236 leaving 30 minutes earlier.

Little Benny's Note Book.

I was sitting on the setting room floor and pop was setting in a chair smoking, and I sed, Pop, I've thart of a grate invention. There's money a slip twix the thart and the patent office, sed pop. How many feet in a mile? I sed.
Are we still on the same subject? sed pop.
Yea sir, I sed, and pop sed, \$250 feet.
Well do you want to know wat the invention is? I sed, and pop sed.
O, I'd rather know how to hpotomize the high cost of living, but my mind is always open to the interduction of new nollage, now matir how humble.
Its a invention to tell you how far youve wawked every day, I sed.
Good, good, a bully idea, a long felt want, sed pop, I've spent nite after nite without more than 8 hours sleep, nearly because I've lene awake wondering with tears in my eyes how mutch distance I had covered dooring that days coming and going.
Yea sir, do you want to know how to find out? I sed.
I born with curiosity, sed pop, and I sed, You jast take a peese of string a foot long and tie it to your ankles, and then every step you take will measure tracky one foot, and you keep on counting every step till you come to \$350, and then youll know youve wawked one mile, and after that you start all over agen.
O, sed pop, well, I dont deny that the idea has merit, but I think it wood involve less mental ware and tare to simply call up a messenger boy and let him wawk behind and count for you.
That wood be too expensive, I sed.
Well, perhaps it wood, maybe your sistem wood be the most practical for a man in modern circumstances after all, sed pop. And he started to read the paper and I went out to hunt for the fellows.

NATIONAL NECESSITY FORCED SIAM IN WAR.

Moral Pressure Also Had Something to Do With It, According to Mahidol, Prince of Songkle, Brother of King Vagiravudh, Now Harvard Student.

Boston, July 26.—National necessity and moral pressure forced Siam into the war on the side of the Entente, in the opinion of Mahidol, Prince of Songkle, brother of the reigning king, Vagiravudh. Neutrality on the part of this small but independent nation in the far east had become increasingly difficult; there has been a growing sentiment that freedom and a justice for states not strong from a military standpoint were not to be secured through policy of the Central Powers, sympathy for Belgium, that began with the invasion of that country, had taken stronghold on the Siamese, and the popular aversion to the Teutonic methods, solidified by President Wilson's message asking Congress to declare war, left no doubt as to the duty as well as the path of expediency for Siam.

Harvard Students.
The Prince of Songkle, who has just completed his first year of a special course at Harvard University, expressed his views after explaining that they were purely personal and in no wise official. He had not received any word from Benikok and learned of the action of the Siamese government through The Associated Press. The Siamese minister, Phya Prabha Karavongse, who is spending the summer at Gloucester, also was without official advice. That the prince and the minister conferred during the day with Wolcott P. Pitkin, Jr., acting general adviser to the Siamese government, who has been in this country on leave since February. The part that Siam will play in the war will be insignificant so far as aid to her allies is concerned, in the Prince's opinion. Germany, however, he said, had more to lose than the allies would have had if Siam had cast her lot with the Teutonic empires, for Germany has now lost her last important harbor of refuge in the Far East.

While convinced that Siam had acted wisely, the Prince was not elated because he spent several years in Berlin and has very tender memories of both the German Royal family and the people. "We have been neutral, but with great difficulty," he said. "The popular wave of sympathy for Belgium that swept over our country when Belgium was invaded was followed by a sober second thought. If Germany triumphed what might we expect? Then there was a continual source of irritation in the extra territorial rights which Germany enjoyed in Siam. If a German—or an American, in fact, for the United States also enjoyed these rights—contrary to public sentiment—committed a crime in Siam he must be tried in the consular courts of his own country. On the other hand, both England and France voluntarily surrendered these rights, as we hope the United States now will, several years ago, and recognized as a nation capable of dispensing justice as well

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