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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1918.

"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 WAR NEWS.

The news from the western battle area has decidedly improved in tone during the past two or three days. It now is evident that the British and French have the German advance checked along the greater part of the battle front, that the enemy's losses have been heavy, while the Allied reserve forces are ready to throw the weight into any part of the line that tactics may direct, and that when the counter-attacks are launched the enemy will be beaten back over the ground he has occupied in the past week and an Allied victory, possibly of a decisive character, will be the ultimate result.

The Germans are slightly nearer to Amiens than they were on Friday, but a costly failure, while the road to Calais has been definitely closed to them. The net result of the Hindenburg effort has been to shift the western line some few miles back from its original location, but the accomplishment of this has cost Germany from 500,000 to 700,000 of her best troops. Such a success, if it can be called that, is not worth the lives it has cost, and if the enemy does no better in the future than he did last week the Allies can well afford to regard the situation with complete equanimity.

Hindenburg has not gained any of his objectives. He planned to carry his forces deep into the vital parts of the Allied positions, but this was not all. The force of the blow was intended to carry the British off their feet and pave the way for victory. Instead of this it has become more clear each day that Germany has sustained her most colossal defeat of the war. It is probable that the German offensive will continue for several days, but the attacks will be weaker than those which have already been withstood. Germany is using up her men at a frightful rate and this cannot long be withheld from the German people, and must as well have a striking effect upon the morale of the army. The Allies are making no unnecessary sacrifices; the plan evidently is to allow Germany to fight herself weak. Then, when the proper pitch of exhaustion has been reached we may expect to see a counter-blow by British, French and American reserves that is likely to produce upon the enemy the effect Hindenburg hoped to secure by his desperate thrust. As General Smith-Dorrien said a week ago there is nothing in the whole situation that does not present a most encouraging appearance when viewed from the standpoint of the Allies.

THAT SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION.

The Sydney Post, in discussing the growth of the movement to confer the franchise on women, refers to the fact that a motion approving of the principle of giving women the vote in provincial elections had been approved by the New Brunswick Legislature, and says that the resolution "was introduced by Hon. Mr. Murray, Opposition leader, and was strongly championed by Mr. Tilley, Conservative member for St. John, and Premier Foster." It further states that "after the vote had been taken Premier Foster announced that a government bill enfranchising the women of the province would be brought down next session."

The Post is slightly in error. It is true that the motion was introduced by Hon. Mr. Murray and championed by Mr. Tilley, but Premier Foster was not nearly so strong in his approval of it as the Post intimates. The premier did not promise a bill for next session. He did not openly oppose the resolution when he spoke on it, but contended that the great majority of the women of New Brunswick were indifferent as to whether they obtained the vote or not. His whole speech was in fact a plea for delay, although he did express the conviction that the movement was gaining strength and said that some day the Province of New Brunswick might act in that direction. He gave no definite indication as to when that time might be, and in fact his whole pronouncement savored more of an attempt to condemn the resolution by faint praise than to openly support a reform which even the most short-sighted politician can now see is inevitable.

THE QUEBEC SITUATION.

The situation in Quebec appears to grow in seriousness. Emboldened by the comparative indifference that greeted their performances of last week, the hoodlums, who wrecked the office of the Quebec Chronicle and burned the government registrar's office in the Auditorium building, were guilty of additional disorders on Saturday and yesterday, breaking into ammunition stores, stealing small arms and seemingly preparing to resist authority. Fortunately the presence of soldiers had a quieting effect upon the malcontents and little serious damage was reported.

That mob-rule can obtain in the capital of the Province of Quebec is unthinkable and it is not to be supposed that the Government will tolerate such a situation. It is stated that opposition to the Military Service Act is responsible for the outbreaks; if so, that affords all the more reason why prompt action should be taken to suppress disorder and show those who attempt to set law at defiance that the act by which the ranks of our armies are to be replenished will be enforced as the Premier promised it would be, equally and without fear or favor in every province in Canada.

The Quebec situation is admittedly grave and it may be that active measures to suppress disorder will lead to bloodshed. But no matter what may be the consequences any action the Government may find it necessary to take will have the complete support and endorsement of the great majority of the Canadian people. Rowdies can have no more latitude in Quebec than in any other part of Canada.

SATURDAY'S LOCAL DRIVE.

A very gratifying measure of success attended the effort of the commercial travellers of St. John to secure funds for the Soldiers' Comforts Association. Saturday's "drive" will have the effect of adding to the coffers of that organization practically \$5,500. This is indeed a result on which the travellers can congratulate themselves.

That the commercial travellers make a success of anything they undertake has long been recognized by St. John folk. By the exercise of their organizing talent, by untiring personal effort, and a whole-hearted devotion to the cause in hand they have contributed more than once to the success of worthy objects. The Commercial Travellers' Patriotic Club has been to the front in many good works and on Saturday they contributed \$250 to the Comfort Association while, in addition, the travellers resident in St. John made personal gifts sufficient to cover all the cost of the campaign. The effort was most commendable and the men participating in it have claim to the thanks and gratitude not only of the ladies who have been associated in the soldiers' comfort work here, and who have always labored splendidly in its interest, but of every one of our boys on the battlefield, whose lot may be made easier as the result of the achievement of Saturday.

THE JOHN BULL SPIRIT.

The Peterboro Examiner, published in Peterboro, Ontario, tells an interesting story that illustrates the spirit of the Canadian contingent who are now home on leave after more than three years of the hardest sort of fighting. A gunner named Arthur Messenger, fifty-two years of age and grey haired, having his home in Campbellford, Ontario, was interviewed by an Examiner reporter and asked if he intended to go back to the fighting lines after his furlough expired. His reply was, "Of course I'm going back. Do you think I am going to let the kids finish this war?"

Messenger's emphatic and hotly-spoken reply breathes the spirit that animates the Canadian and British forces. The veteran gunner is described by our Peterboro contemporary as small in stature and the epitome of the bulldog courage of the British race. Although three years over the maximum age limit, he answered the first call in August, 1914. For over three years this diminutive, grey-haired thoroughbred has braved the worst, from the first terrible gas attack at Ypres to the tragedies of the Passchendaele mud. Through thirty-six months of hardship and danger such as might have been expected to break the spirit of a much younger and more robust man than the little Campbellford gunner, he has "carried on." And he is ready to go back cheerfully, when his short furlough is over, to finish the work he began in 1914.

People at home, as The Examiner puts it, need not grow pessimistic over war conditions when the battle front is being held by men like Gunner Messenger.

FOCH LORRAINIAN

London, March 29.—The Post says that the French and British governments have decided to appoint General Foch, commander-in-chief on the western front during the present operations.

A BIT OF VERSE

HE'S IN FRANCE.

"Where is Casey of baseball fame?
 Things were soft if he pitched the same.
 For no one could solve his terrible slams."
 "Just lend an ear and I'll fill it full.
 This is straight—no idle bull—
 He's in France."
 "He's in France?"
 "Yep, he's in France."

"And the gink who always arose at dawn
 To water the trees and mow the lawn.
 And tend to all the shrubs and plants?"
 "Listen, pal, didn't you hear?
 Where've you been for the past half year?
 He's in France."
 "He's in France?"
 "Certainly he's in France."

"Well, where's the guy who watched the door
 Down at the big department store,
 Uniformed with striped pants?"
 "Do you mean to tell me you don't know?
 Walked up, partner, you're getting slow.
 He's in France."
 "He's in France?"
 "Of course, he's in France!"

"But where is little Eleanor Burke
 Who was interested in Red Cross work?"
 "So timid she couldn't return a glance?"
 "Say, haven't you heard the news
 Or didn't you know there was a war?
 She's in France."
 "She's in France?"
 "Sure, she's in France."
 —Garret Price, in Cartoons Magazine.

A BIT OF FUN

ADOPTING THE GERMANS.

(Pinehurst Outlook.)
 Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, is a keen golfer and with Mrs. Brumbaugh has arrived at the Carolina for the annual visit to the Sandhills.

The Governor is a famous story teller and has added new life to the symposium at the club house. His latest is about an Irishman who was captured by the Germans beyond endurance by saying with great unctious every few minutes:

"Didn't the Irish give the Germans hell at Verdun?"
 This was his answer to every question and his slogan on all occasions. General Snitzel heard about it, and was infuriated to such an extent that he called for the prisoner and looking sternly at him said:
 "Enough, I have heard about what the Irish at Verdun had done. I give you a choice. You take the oath of allegiance to the Kaiser or at sunrise you are shot. I give you to decide one hour."
 "That's easy," said Pat, "I will take the oath."
 So he took it. Then he turned on them with a bland smile and asked:
 "Now I am a German, is that so? And can do whatever a German can do?"
 "Yes."
 "And say anything what a German can?"
 "Yes."
 "Then begorra," says he, "Didn't the Irish give us Germans hell at Verdun?"

THE PAINTER'S COMEBACK.

Lawyer—Have you ever been in jail?
 Witness—Yes, sir, once.
 Lawyer (triumphantly)—Ah! For how long?
 Witness—Long enough to white-wash a cell which was to be occupied by a lawyer who cheated one of his clients—Vancouver Province.

WELL TRAINED

Landlady—That new boarder doesn't talk about himself does he?
 Housemaid—No.
 Landlady—Wonder if he's married?
 Housemaid—Sure he is.
 Landlady—How do you know?
 Housemaid—He only uses one hook in the wardrobe in his room—Buffalo Express.

Lemons Do Whiten! Try This on Face, Neck, Arms, Hands

The lemon juice massage indulged in once or twice each day means a little time and trouble, girls, but what of the splendid results? A skin bleached beautifully white, a complexion with the bloom of a peach, a softening of those lines of care; in fact, a skin eloquent of nature's purity and hands white, soft and full of charm.

What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to bleach the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white thus way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quartar pint of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When massaged daily into the face, neck, arms and hands it should naturally help to whiten, clear, smooth and beautify the skin.

Any druggist will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.

James A. Estabrooke.

The death is announced in Danforth, Me., of James A. Estabrooke. Mr. Estabrooke was a brother of Mrs. John Sewall, of Hartland.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

The Park Ave. News.

Weather: Nites getting shorter, which they can't help it, on account of the days getting longer—and pushing them back.

Sisley, Mr. Charles (Pads) Simkins invited Mr. Sid Hunt to his house for dinner last Sunday, say when Mr. Simkins' aunt and uncle had come and there wasn't any more room at the table, so the invitation was postponed and Mr. Hunt went back home for dinner.

Fear's Collision: Benny Potts was coming home from the library last Thursday reading The Boy Scouts Revenge while he was wawking along, and all of a sudden there was a fierce collision, being Benny Potts bumping into a fat man's stummock. Nobody was hurt, but Benny Potts lost his place in The Boy Scouts Revenge.

Spring.

Pome by Skinny Martin.

The sun shines bright as anything.

Warming everything hat was cool.

But war goods that to us fellows,

All a setting heer in school?

Military News: Mary Watkins is hitting a swatter for a soldier, being very patriotic about it and saying she hopes the war won't be over before she finishes it.

MORE SERIOUS DISORDER, AND FIRE-ARMS ARE EMPLOYED IN QUEBEC ANTI-DRAFT RIOTS

(Continued from page 1)

Buildings Guarded.

All buildings in the city likely to be the subject of attack were very strongly guarded tonight while companies of soldiers with fixed bayonets were stationed at the various points which the mobs made a rendezvous on Thursday and Friday night.

A number of regiments from different parts of Canada reached Quebec today to supplement the local forces.

Today Cardinal Begin's appeal for a cessation of the disturbances was read in all the Catholic churches and tonight Armand Laverigne, a Nationalist leader, addressed a gang raiding a hardware store and counselled the men to stop the disorders.

Mr. Laverigne told the crowd that the military authorities had promised that the outside troops would be removed and that the city would be policed by federal officers and the military service act applied in a proper manner.

Mr. Laverigne said the effect of the military authorities was not to be carried out by troops, Mr. Laverigne to lead them in fresh raids tomorrow night.

Trouble Saturday Night.

An attempt was made to storm the drill hall on Grande Allee Saturday night. The mob was repulsed by mounted troops and detachments of infantry with bayonets. Later in the night, about 1 a. m., the crowd attacked a hardware store in the lower town capturing fire arms and ammunition. The disorders prevailed throughout the night.

The riot act was read by the mayor last night. The Grande Allee apartments, where Colonel Landry resides, is being guarded by troops. Mr. Landry being at the point of death.

Cardinal Begin's Appeal.

An urgent appeal for calmness and moderation was made in all the churches of the Quebec diocese today by His Eminence Cardinal Begin, who sent the following pastoral letter to the vicars of each parish to be read to the congregations:

Archbishop's Palace, Mar. 30, 1918.

My dear friends:—Our city has been during the week the theatre of many deplorable scenes of disorder and violence against persons and property. From this simple point of view of reason and whatever may be the grievances suffered, it is clearly harmful to those who employ them. But Christian conscience reproves them and the Catholic Church forbids them. And that should have sufficed to prevent the manifestations which so many citizens regret with us.

The memories of the passion of our Saviour that the sacred liturgy evoked in such a striking manner, these past few days, gave the faithful other examples to follow and other teachings to practice. If we want Jesus Christ to pardon and bless us, we must know how to make our conduct conform with the grave lessons which He preaches to us from His cross.

Would you be good enough, Mr. Cure, when reading this notice tomorrow in your pulpits, recommend calmness and moderation to your parishioners and supplicate them to guard against all considered actions, which are sterile of all good which give to our good city of Quebec, a name which it does not deserve, and may increase the evils, otherwise heavy enough, from which we already suffer.

I pray the God of love and peace, to bless your words and have them produce in the souls of your people the fruits of wisdom and charity.

Yours devotedly in our Lord,
 L. N. CARDINAL BEGIN,
 (Sgd.) L. N. Archbishop of Quebec.

Premier Borden's Message.

Ottawa, Mar. 30.—The Prime Minister received from H. E. Lavigne, M.P., mayor of Quebec, the following telegram: "I am unaware of press accounts on which I could base statements contained in your telegram of March 29th to the effect that the attitude of the municipal police authorities was passive, that no real effort was made by the civic authorities to prevent the assault on federal officers or put down disturbances. Such accounts, doubtless, were grossly exaggerated in the outside press. The disturbance of last night and tonight are sincerely deplored by myself and citizens of Quebec. The lack of discretion, tact and discrimination on the part of the officers responsible for the enforcement of the M.S.A., seem to a large extent, to account for these unfortunate occurrences. I sincerely hope that immediate instructions will be issued to the proper authorities here in order that further trouble be avoided."

Truth Should be Known.

To this telegram, the Premier sent the following reply:

"Your telegram has been received and transmitted to the military service council for their consideration. They desire to have particulars of the alleged lack of discretion, tact and discrimination to which you allude. My telegram to you made no statement beyond a reference to the press reports which were fairly summarized therein. If these reports are inaccurate it would be greatly in the public interest that the truth should be known immediately. To that end I hope that you will let me know what steps were taken by the civic authorities to identify those who were engaged in the assault upon the federal officers and whether any arrests have been made."

HEAVY FIGHTING TAKING PLACE NEAR HAMEL

London, Mar. 29.—Heavy fighting has taken place south of the Somme in which the British have been pressed back to a line running west of Hamel, Marcellave, and Demum, says this evening's war office announcement.

North of the Somme all the British positions were maintained. There were no serious attacks by the enemy in this region during the day.

The French, says this announcement, are continuing their offensive on the southern front between Mont Didier and Lassigny. Fresh French troops are arriving in this region.

The text of the announcement reads: "North of the Somme we maintained all our positions. No serious enemy attacks have been launched during the day."

"South of the Somme there has been heavy fighting. Our troops have been pressed back to a line running west of Hamel, Marcellave and Demum. On the French front, south of Demum the French line runs through Mesieres, La Neuville-Sur-Bernard and Gratibus to just west of Mont Didier. There has been further heavy fighting today on this line."

Between Mont Didier and Lassigny the French counter-offensive continues. Fresh French troops are arriving. East of Lassigny there is no change in the French line.

"A captured German order shows that on March 21 the objective of an enemy division, which attacked near St. Quentin was to be the Somme, near Ham, a distance of at least eleven miles. Actually the division in question penetrated less than three miles."

London, Mar. 29.—Apart from local fighting at different points, the enemy has not pressed his attacks today north of the Somme, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight.

"We gained ground at certain places the statement continues.

"South of the Somme heavy hostile attacks developed during the morning in the neighborhood of Mesieres and Demum. Fighting is still going on in this sector."

"It is known from captured documents that the German attack yesterday

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day astride the Scarp had for its objective the capture of Vimy Ridge and Arras. This attack was carried out by at least six divisions in the front line, with four assault divisions in support.

"Despite the force of the attack the impression made upon our battle positions was inconceivable and the fighting resulted in a severe defeat for the enemy."

"In heavy fighting further south between Boiry and Serre, which had no greater success, no fewer than eleven hostile divisions were identified."

PERSONALS

John O'Regan, of this city, recently visited Fredericton, and called on his many friends there. All were glad to see him yet enjoying the best of health.

Frank Foley of Bathurst is spending the Easter holidays with his sisters, Princess Street.

Mrs. Lawrence Hennigar is visiting in Fredericton.

J. Francis Frauley, a student at King's College Law School, this city, is leaving this morning to visit his parents for a short time at Lepreau.

Alderman J. E. Wetmore, of Moncton, and Mrs. Wetmore spent the week-end in the city and will return to their home tonight.

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 Egbert—To make it last, you mean? How is it done?
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Mrs. Mary Smith, admitted to the Gen. tal, passed away year an early hour from deceased was sixty resided at 51 Mag Fort Howe.

Amsterdam, Mar. al North German says this tribute to British troops in Fr "The British sold self heroically. H until our riflemen men serving the g stood their ground in hand-to-hand fight werry fortified base