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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.

A LONG LIST.

Another St. John home has been added through the death of one of its members in the pursuit of his duties in the Aviation Corps. Following on the comparatively long list of similar casualties, an impression is gradually being created that all is not as it should be in the supervision of training camps or garrison quarters in which the preliminaries to active service are carried on. There have been altogether too many accidents of this nature, a condition which creates in the minds of those at home a feeling that all possible is not being done to assure the safety of the boys who offer for service in this most dangerous branch of the army.

Aviation under the most favorable conditions is dangerous enough. The percentages of men who come through long service without injury is small indeed, and when the time and cost of training is taken into consideration, apart altogether from the inestimable value of the human life involved, every conceivable precaution against accident would be pre-supposed. Fatalities in the course of training may naturally be anticipated because of the very nature of the occupation, but it does seem that there are altogether too many of those occurrences.

VACCINATION.

The smallpox scare in St. John is practically over. We had a number of scattered cases, the majority of them of a very light type. There were no deaths, there were no patients really seriously ill at any time, nor is it generally believed that there was very much danger of an epidemic. However, precautions are always advisable and it may be that the efforts of the local Board of Health and their officers aided very greatly in checking the spread of the disease. Yet whether or not the Board acted at all times with proper regard for the good of the community is a point on which all do not agree. The wisdom of one ruling in particular, that making vaccination compulsory, was very generally questioned. At the time there was little comment, as most people held to the opinion that possibly some danger of an epidemic existed and may be after all vaccination would be of some benefit. But now that the thing is over and hundreds of people have suffered through this compulsory vaccination there is a feeling that such a measure was by no means necessary, that it imposed a great deal of suffering which might have been avoided, and that the Board of Health possibly acted without due consideration.

There is a very decided difference of opinion even among the best qualified medical men as to the value or otherwise of vaccination, even when such regulations as made by the St. John Board of Health are properly carried out. But when a considerable proportion of the population escaped the ordeal, the measure of good accomplished is greatly reduced. Instances—many of them—have been reported wherein the victims of vaccination have suffered far more than should have been necessary under the operation, where, rightly or wrongly impure lymph or careless operation is believed to have been the cause of illness and perhaps permanent weakness. In these cases vaccination has not done much good, but on the contrary has been decidedly injurious.

ELIMINATING WASTE.

The waste of foodstuffs in the American army is being reduced to a minimum. By a recent order authorized by the Quartermaster General, a division of Conservation and Reclamation has been organized to save war supplies and reduce expenditures as well as to provide for a more satisfactory distribution of garbage. This measure has already been taken by the British, French and other Allied countries, which have established such services with surprising results.

The new plan, as worked out by the United States army authorities, does not reduce the scale of food rations from the former standard but aims to save much that was lost through carelessness. Kitchen waste will now be carefully sorted so that it will not be dumped indiscriminately into a waste receptacle. For example, bread and breadstuffs no longer fit for human food, will be fed to the pigs and chickens. Cooked meat will be gathered up from the plates of the men after meal times and likewise saved. Raw meats and bones, such as the trimmings and scraps unfit for human food will be segregated and saved. Cooked scraps discarded as of no further use for human food will be packed in suitable receptacles. Bones, including all

those discarded in the preparation and serving of men's meals, will be saved. In addition to the saving of waste, the Nutrition Officers of the Food Division of the Medical Department of the army organization will co-operate in the reduction of waste in preparation, waste in service, waste in storage and loss from spoilage through delay in serving food after it has been issued.

In the early days of the war there was an enormous loss from waste of food and all other materials used by the armies of Great Britain, France and all warring countries. Some corporations are still soulless. A New Glasgow dispatch states that the Acadia Coal Company, Ltd., has announced its intention to evict a widow. The widow happens to have lost her husband in France while fighting for the officials of this same coal company, and the Great War Veterans' Association is indignant and has its war paint on.

The Canadian Municipalities Convention in the West is in session. Halifax and other cities are well represented. St. John is not.

THREE ARRESTED IN SOUTH AFRICA

International Socialists Taken in Connection With Disturbances.

Johannesburg, Union of South Africa July 7.—(Sunday).—Today the first announcement was made of the concrete action taken by the government since the crisis of last week when the fact was published that three men had been arrested. The prisoners are S. P. Boring, ex-provincial councillor; S. Hanscomb, described as a butcher, who arrived from America six months ago, and a third man of whom little is known. It is alleged that the men are international socialists. Searches have been made of the offices, workshops and dwellings of the accused. The utmost secrecy has prevailed.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MIRBACH'S ASSASSINATION

German Government Does Not Intend To Hold Soviet Government of Russia Blameable.

London, July 10.—The German government does not intend to hold the Soviet government responsible for the death of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador according to a semi-official announcement from Berlin transmitted to the Exchange Telegraph Company by way of Amsterdam, it being evident that Russia is doing all that is possible to punish the murderers. The semi-official statement adds: "The German government and nation hope that the Russian government and people will succeed in nipping the present revolutionary agitation in the bud."

This announcement brings into contrast the attitude of Germany towards Von Mirbach's assassination and her strong arm in dealing with the Chinese when China was in the hands of the Boxers, and the German minister, Baron von Ketteler was assassinated.

MUCH MOVEMENT OF HUN TROOPS

General Pershing Reports Considerable Activity By Enemy—Working of U. S. Airmen.

Washington, July 10.—General Pershing's daily communique made public by the war department today follows: "Headquarters American expeditionary forces, July 9.—In the Chateau Thierry region conditions were practically normal on July 5 and 6, the outstanding exception being the activity of the German air forces. An enemy attempt to raid one of our advanced positions was driven off by our rifle and machine gun fire with losses. There was much movement of troops in the German rear areas where as many as four companies were seen at one time."

"Our observers reported buildings on fire at the Souillard Farm, and the explosion by our batteries of what is believed to have been a trench mortar ammunition dump. This sector on July 8 to 9 experienced an increase in enemy artillery activity on the right half of our line where there was considerable use of gas, shrapnel and high explosive shells. The German air forces were still very active. The movement of troops and

traffic in the German rear areas continued abnormal. "In the Marne sector between July 6 and 7 conditions were quiet."

NEW PROHIBITION LAW MONDAY

Drastic Act Outlined By Rev. R. G. Fulton At Social Service Convention.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 10.—At the social service convention held here today the appointment of a secretary for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island was approved. Councils for Charlottetown and the county were organized. Organization meetings were also held this week at other points. The chief speakers during the convention were Rev. Dr. Shaver, Toronto, General Secretary of the Service Council of Canada, Rev. Dr. Grant, of Nova Scotia, and Rev. H. A. Goodwin, St. John, President of the New Brunswick Council. All spoke here tonight.

His afternoon Rev. R. G. Fulton, member of the Presbyterian Council Commission, outlined the new prohibition law which goes into effect next Monday and which is considered the most drastic in Canada.

SAILORS MAROONED ON AN ISLAND

American Three-Masted Schooner, Adelia T. Carleton Lost in South America.

Montevideo, Uruguay, July 10.—Part of the crew of the American three-masted schooner Adelia T. Carleton, which went aground Saturday near La Paloma, was landed today by a government tug. The captain of the tug reported there were no deaths among the crew, but that several men had been left on the island of Flores III from exposure in open lifeboats and the terrible seas.

(The Adelia T. Carleton was built at Rockport, Maine, in 1892. She was 247 feet in length.)

ALLIES IN ALBANIA CONTINUE TO WIN

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Along the British front there have been intermittent artillery duels, deepening here and there into bombardments of great intensity. This has been the case east of Amiens, where the Germans have drenched Australian positions with shells and then attacked in an attempt to regain territory lost when the Australians and Americans attacked on July 4. The enemy has been repulsed with losses. Near Morris, the British have improved their positions in a minor action. There have been no events of an unusual character along the American positions along the line except at Chateau Thierry, where American aviators have been active. One squadron has penetrated far behind the German lines and it is believed they brought back valuable information.

The situation in Russia remains obscure and Germany has yet made no move as the sequel of the assassination of her ambassador, Count von Mirbach at Moscow.

In the mountain sectors of the Italian front the Austrians have been pushed back slightly in the Brenta Valley and on the Asiago Plateau.

HAIG'S REPORT

London, July 10.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight says: "In the successful military operations carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of Morris we captured nine machine guns and two trench mortars, in addition to a number of prisoners. Further prisoners have been brought in during the day by our patrols on different parts of the front."

"With the exception of some hostile artillery activity in the Morlan Court Hinges and Lore sectors there is nothing to report."

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BY LEE PAPE. THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Sports. A organ grinder with a monkey came around last Saturday, and Reddy Merry got in back of him while he was playing the organ and initiated the monkey so good that some man threw him a cent instead of throwing it to the monkey, and the organ grinder could not chase him on account of his organ and he got away all right. Grate Maglelan. Sam Cross did a grate trick in his house with a spoon of three last Thursday after supper, putting it in his mouth pulling the three out between his teeth as it was coming all the way up from his stomach. One wen he got through his mother made him wind the three all back on the spoon again, taking him almost an hour and Sam Cross saying it wasn't worth it.

Interesting Facts about Infringing People. Its only rained once since Pude Simkins got his new raincoat for a birthday present. Pude Simkins saying its just his luck. Bewty Departmentist. How to make long noses short. Answer, fall on them. Pome by Skippy Martin. From Experiences. My father took off his slipper Without putting on his shoe And when he sed to me, "Come over here" I knew wat his intentions was to do.

ITALIANS CONTINUE ALBANIAN ADVANCE

Enemy Beaten Back on Both Sides of Oseum River.

Rome, July 10.—Italian troops on the offensive in Albania are continuing their advance, the war office announced today. The enemy in yesterday's fighting was beaten back on both sides of the Oseum River. "In Albania," says the official statement, "our troops, having reached ground west of the Lower Middle Semini and having extended to the eastward their occupation of the heights at the head of the Tomorica Valley, arrested the advance, and repulsed the enemy at the centre, astride the Asum."

THE KAISER'S MISSION DECLARED BY HIMSELF

The Kaiser in addressing German recruits at Potsdam, said recently: "Only one is master in the empire, and I am that one; I will tolerate no other. I represent monarchy by the grace of God. You must all have one will, and that is my will; there is only one law, and that is my law. If I order you to shoot down your relatives, brothers—yes, even your parents—you must obey me without murmuring. And again September 13, 1914: The spirit of God has descended upon me because I am German Emperor. I am the instrument of the Most High. I am His sword. His representative on earth. Woe and death to those who oppose my will! Death to the infidel who denies my mission! Let the enemies of the German nation perish."

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