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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Evidence is not wanting that Germany is beginning to realize the gravity of her situation and the folly of hoping for final victory in this war. The German newspapers do not print matter without the tacit consent of the government, and they are directing attention to the food shortage, the almost prohibitive price of even the bare necessities, and the misery entailed upon the poorer classes. The Frankfurter Zeitung says that while the armies are compelling admiration "the insufficiency of the government measures against the food shortage of the people is a direct defeat." The organ of the Clericals says that "the price of the bare necessities of life have become impossible." The Socialist organ, Vorwarts, calls for a statement of the aims of the nation in the war in order that these may be discussed and if possible peace secured.

These are not the utterances of a nation confident of final victory, but of one which is beginning to see the shadow of defeat. However great have been the successes of Germany's armies, they have not weakened the Allies, who have been growing stronger in the field and more and more formidable. The raid on Paris failed. The raid on Calais failed. The attempt to overtake the Russians failed. The submarine and Zeppelin campaign failed. The raid into Serbia has involved heavy losses and victory there is not yet in sight. And all through these fourteen months of fighting the loss of men has been great and continuous. One correspondent today estimates that the German losses on the eastern front in one week totalled nearly 60,000 men, and that the Prussian losses alone, leaving out southern Germany altogether, have been not less than 2,000,000 since the war began.

The bleeding process goes steadily on. Now comes the pinch of want, at the beginning of a winter during which the enemies of Germany on every side will continue the deadly pressure that will wear her down. It is not surprising therefore that German newspapers are beginning to lose their boastful tone, and that there are rumors artfully set afloat with a view to creating a sentiment in favor of peace negotiations. Germany is in a better position to talk peace than the ever will be again, and her realization of the fact is the explanation of much that we read in the press today. This does not mean that she is beaten and that her enemies may rest. The pressure must be kept up. It is still a long road to Berlin, where the final terms of peace must be dictated if the world is to be rid of good and all of the curse of Prussian militarism and the burdens it has piled upon the nations.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

Under the heading "Not Yet in Jail," the Canadian Courier playfully observed: "Answering 'Expectant Reader' and 'Pro Bono Publico' the Courier is pleased to announce that Sir Rodmond Roblin and his Ministers are not yet in jail. These gentlemen are still free to come and go, and their boyish escapade is rapidly being forgotten. Mr. Kelly, the contractor, is still abroad, somewhere in the neighborhood of Chicago, and Winnipeg waits in vain for his return.

"Answering 'Citizen' and 'Gomer' the same announcement is made with regard to all those who sold ancient and decrepit horses to the government in August, 1914. Notwithstanding the patience and persistence of Judge Davidson and Mr. John Thompson, K. C., no man who 'sold' the government in horses and horse feed has yet gone to jail.

"Indeed, it may be admitted, for the benefit of any who may be ignorant, that the man who 'does' a government is not likely to be incarcerated. The chances are about one million to one in his favor. Ministers of Justice and Attorney-Generals, as we have them in Canada, do not believe that imprisonment is a fitting reward for this brand of business ability."

The Courier is not quite the colorist. As far as Manitoba is concerned an honest effort is being made to place the guilty parties where they belong, and the case is in the courts. It is quite different in Ottawa and in New Brunswick, and everybody knows the reason. There is a new government in Manitoba.

THE 52ND BATTALION.

Despite the storm, Lt. Col. Hay and his battalion were given clear evidence on their arrival yesterday morning that men in khaki are welcome in St. John. Our people have so many of their own sons at the front, or in training, that they have a special personal interest in every man who has joined the colors. A member of the 52nd said to the Times yesterday that they had heard the St. John people were not partial to soldiers. It will be the business of the citizens to counteract any such impression, and to prove that they are in the thick of the fray we will want to feel that while they were with us we treated them as we would have our own lads treated when far away from home.

It may at once be said that the officers

and men of the 52nd Battalion created a most favorable impression on their arrival. They are men of splendid physique and admirably drilled, and those who spent several hours among them at the army yesterday had the favorable impression strongly confirmed. They are all devoted to their commanding officer, and he in turn has reason to be proud of his command.

It may further be observed that if the civilian committee had had its way the 52nd would have found its quarters in a better state than was actually the case yesterday morning. Let us hope only the most cordial relations will be maintained between the soldiers and the citizens and that the former will thoroughly enjoy their stay in St. John.

Greece now announces a "very benevolent neutrality" toward the Entente Powers. That, at all events, is better than a Greek alliance with Germany.

The Bulgarians have already lost heavily since they entered the war. The country next to Germany which most deserves to be crushed is Bulgaria.

The Balkan situation appears from last night's and today's cables to be a little more encouraging. The mission of Lord Kitchenier may help to clear the atmosphere.

The London press is not greatly impressed by the latest deliveries from Washington. The Americans failed to protest when Germany violated the rights of neutral Belgium.

The citizens should respond promptly to the appeal for furnishings for the Soldiers' Club. Not only the men of the 52nd, but all soldiers in the city will find the club a homelike place in which to spend some of their brief leisure time.

St. John might well give a more hearty parting cheer to the men who go to join the ranks of the 104th. Why is there not a greater manifestation of interest? These men are making a great sacrifice for those who stay at home.

The United States is much worried over British interference with American trade. But for the British navy American trade would be very much smaller than it is. But what about German interference with American trade and German murder of American citizens?

The Toronto Telegram expresses that the government should itself look after all wounded, invalided and disabled soldiers, and not appoint a commission. It says: "Canada's history is full of commissions. How many of these commissions ever did anything but provide its chairman with a little cheap glory, and its secretary with an easy and well-salaried job? The responsibility for the care of wounded soldiers belongs to the whole people of the Canadian nation. The care of these soldiers should be proudly and gladly financed by the tax-payers of the Canadian nation. The dominion government has no right to diffuse its responsibilities among a variety of more or less useless commissions. That government has still less right to unload purely national responsibilities upon the provinces or municipalities of this dominion."

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"The girl raised her brows. 'Have you never thought of bettering your condition?'"

"Oh, yes," it's awfully warm in here."

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Traveler—I say, what are you people so proud about? Last time I came here everybody was very friendly, and now I can hardly get a person to speak.

Uncle Eben—You'll pardon us, but it's our town pride. You see, Joe Summers picked up a guide book that fell out of a motor car last week and we found that the old tannery swamp is a national park. Summers stone quarry a prehistoric. Bill Moulder's beer house a way-side inn, and the whole blooming country try check full of historical antiques and delusions.

The country doctor up in Scotland one day met a Highlander who boasted he was a student of medicine and resolved to put him to the test. Passing an inn he asked him in and ordered two glasses of whisky. After they had finished these and two or three more at the doctor's expense, his friend began to get a wee bit "glib of the gab." The doctor then, feeling he had him, bluntly asked: "How does this square with your medical pretensions?" "Weel," quoth John, with a quiet smile, "though I'm a staunch teetotaler, I'd be a fool to refuse what the doctor orders."

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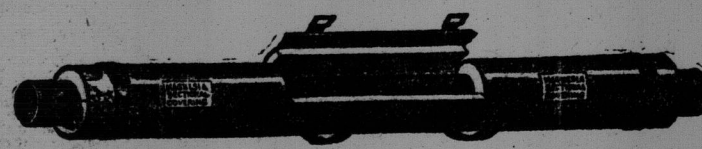
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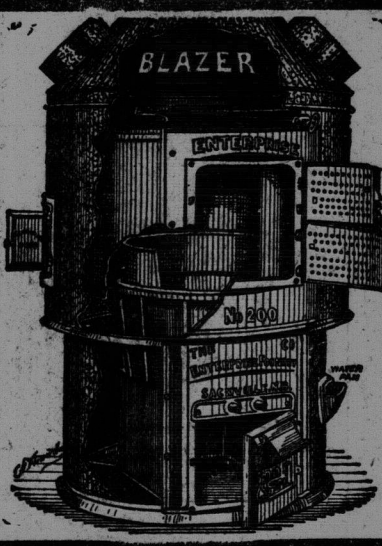


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WAR TIME VERSION OF SING ME TO SLEEP

Here is a parody on "Sing Me to Sleep" that owes its existence to the fertile brain of some of Canada's sons:

Sing me to sleep where bullets fall, Let me forget the war and all; Damp is my dugout, cold my feet, Naught but bully-beef and biscuits to eat.

Over and through and shells are a mode Sing me to sleep where camp fires shine, Bodies in front of you, bodies behind.

Far, far from Ypres I long to be Where German snipers can't get at me, Think of me crouching where the worms creep, Waiting for someone to sing me to sleep.

Sing me to sleep in some old shed, The rats are running around my head, Stretched out upon my waterproof, Dodging the raindrops through the roof, Sing me to sleep where camp fires shine, Sticky with muck but never a whine, Dreaming of home and nights in the west.

Somebody's overcoats hang on my chest. Chorus.

Far from the star shells I'd long to be Lights of old King street I'd rather see; Think of me crouching where the worms creep, Waiting for someone to sing me to sleep.

GARIBOLDI AND BRITAIN.

(Winnipeg Telegram.)

Sir—Some few months ago a London (England) parish magazine contained these few lines written by the great General Garibaldi to his friend, Joseph Cowen, of Newcastle (1864):

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