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A COLOSSAL TASK.

The Austro-German success in driving back the Russians is the feature of the war news. How much farther will they be able to go, and what effect will their success in the east have presently upon the campaign in the west? There are other questions to which an answer is eagerly awaited. What will Bulgaria do—and Roumania—and Greece? How long will it take the Allies to force the Dardanelles? What will be the final attitude of the United States? What effect will German submarine warfare have upon the Scandinavian countries who are losing many vessels?

One fact stands out clearly enough. It is that Germany and Austria, flushed with the success of their eastern drive, and of their efforts to hold the ground gained in France and Belgium, will fight longer and harder, and make more determined efforts to keep invaders from their soil. With great armies at their command, and with the advantage in long preparation has given them in munitions of war, strategic railways and general organization of the nation for war, they have surprised the world; and it is only the knowledge of the great superiority in numbers and resources, when organized, of the Allies, that gives assurance of final victory. Each day that passes without news of a decisive success for the Allies in some quarter makes more plain the magnitude of the task to be performed.

ELIMINATING THE FAKIR.

The American Lumberman prints an interesting article on the question of eliminating the fakirs who gain a livelihood in one way or another by imposing on the public with a worthless scheme of some sort, or by false appeals for charity. In most cases the appeal to sympathy brings a response rather than an appeal to the judgment, but there are many ways of living by one's wits, and the only way to secure immunity from the fakirs is by organization. The Lumberman says:

"Hence, it has come about that business men, having organized to aid one another in other ways, have found it expedient to utilize their organizations to relieve them from the applications of charity seekers. Most of the large commercial clubs have accomplished this end by organizing departments to which are referred all applicants for aid of a financial kind. Usually these departments have facilities for making investigations of all cases and of reporting back to members the results of their investigations together with recommendations regarding the conduct to be pursued in each case. This not only eliminates the professional beggar, but gives needed aid to the deserving applicant, at the same time that it gives to the business man needed assurance that his charitable contributions have been made to do the most possible good. Business men are the specially selected victims for some kinds of fakes that other persons are exempt from; and it is common for committees to make special efforts to protect themselves from these impostors. The Rochester (N. Y.) Chamber of Commerce in connection with its charitable work issued a neat and interesting booklet entitled 'How Fakirs Fake,' designed to put its members on their guard against 'The Philanthropic Parasites.' 'Special Advertising' fakirs and other forms of imposture. This little book is very suggestive of the good work that a local organization can do in this direction and the methods pursued by the Rochester chamber are to be recommended for imitation by other clubs. This work, while it is calculated to make all able-bodied persons self-supporting, is designed to enable the merchant himself to be more efficient in his merchandising. If relieved of unreasonable financial burdens and demands upon his time and attention incident to them he will be better able to serve his community in a commercial way, and the community itself will thus benefit."

GERMANY'S INSPIRATION.

An American writer, in a Short History of Germany, published some years ago, gave this description of the Hunns: "In the year 875, thirty-five years before the sacking of Rome, from the vast plains lying between Russia and China there had poured into Europe a terrible race of beings called Hunns. They seemed more like demons than men. Insensible alike to fear, to hunger, thirst or cold, they appeared their ferocious appetites upon wild roots and raw meat. These hideous men ate, drank and slept on horseback, their no less hideous wives and children following them in wagons, as they ravaged through the continent of Europe. The Hunns, under the leadership of Attila, swept everything before them, leaving a track of blood and ashes through Germany."

The Germans of today are not descended from the Hunns of the fourth century, but even Attila and his men would have been satisfied with what the Germans have done in Belgium and a portion of France. The well authenticated story of the horrible treatment of men, women and children by German soldiers in Belgian towns and villages is

not surpassed by that of the exploits of Attila and his savage followers. The German is well-named the Hun of modern Europe. It is this survival of ancient savagery that confronts the world today, and by which the very fabric of civilization is threatened.

From the same author already quoted we may select another paragraph dealing with a later period of German history, and is as follows:

"When we see Frederick's ideal of a despotic personal government, with a divinely appointed ruler leading his country to greatness, . . . it is easy to recognize the model which is being studied by a certain ruler in Europe today."

The present Emperor of Germany, however, is far from being a second Frederick the Great. He has sadly over-estimated his own power, and under-estimated the forces against him. There is also a well-founded suspicion that his conception of the relationship between himself and God is somewhat erroneous and not unlikely to bring a rude awakening within the next twelve months.

With Serbia, Montenegro, Greece and Italy all nibbling at Albania, the situation there grows interesting.

President Wilson may find it necessary in the end to suppress Mr. Bryan as an unnecessary noise.

The 86th Battalion still needs about three hundred men. Is New Brunswick to provide them, or confess that it can't?

Canada has a new acting premier and also a new acting minister of militia. Maybe they will do something worth while.

The bar-rooms of Saskatchewan are closed till after the war. That doubtless means they are closed permanently, as it will take a vote of the people to re-establish them.

Congratulations to Contractor Leahy. The successful raising of the dredge Leconfield was a task that required rare confidence, skill and patience, but it has been accomplished.

Mr. Lloyd George has got his munitions bill through parliament. Prompt and effective action to increase the output of munitions is assured, and it is the great need of the hour.

The London press contends that Germany was not justified in sinking the Armenian, whatever her cargo. The Hun cares nothing about justification. He has proved the fact over and over again. He is a law unto himself.

The London Daily Telegraph estimates the British casualties in the last three months at 107,000 men and 6,489 officers. That explains the urgency of the recruiting campaign. The gaps must be filled and the number of fighting men increased in order to cope with so powerful and resourceful an enemy.

New York Sun—"It has been magnificent, this response of the Irish people," says Mr. John Redmond, speaking of the trooping of Irishmen to the colors to aid England in her necessity. May it not be also said without exaggeration that Mr. Redmond's leadership of the Irish Nationalists has been magnificent and full of inspiration?

The villainous Grit officials and contractors have almost ruined the reputation of the Borden government by their grafting proclivities. The Standard says so, and it must be so. How very sad. Flemming, Roblin, Garland, Foster, McBride—all these and many other innocent and whole-souled patriots have been the victims of Grit grafters. How very, very sad.

Mr. Albert J. Beveridge, in the American Review of Reviews, speaking of the British soldiers seen in London, says: "Superior to all in their physical fitness, vitality and bearing, were the soldiers and officers from Canada, although comparatively few of those were seen." Since Mr. Beveridge wrote his article the Canadians have proved their mettle in the field.

The London Times wants the people of the whole empire welded together into an organization for war purposes, and to that end would bring the Dominions into closer touch with the Mother Country, presumably war representation in a consultative council. This does not seem to be at all necessary at present. There is no need of new experiments along the line of imperial re-organization while the war continues. Every Dominion is ready to do its part in the war, and to back the Mother Country to the limit. Until after the war all other matters may well be set aside.

It is said that a Portland, Me., young man rode to Bliddeford with his lady-love seated on the rear seat of his motorcycle. On his way home she fell off, and he did not become aware of the fact until he had left her two miles behind. Then he tore back with no respect for speed limits, and found her patiently plodding along the road not hurt in the least, and not even her temper was ruffled.

ROYAL



LIGHTER VEIN.

Qualifying

Johnny Jones, the office boy, had been detected in a lie. It was not one of the ordinary prevarications of the everyday world, and more over, to make the crime more serious he had persisted in adhering to his original mendacious statement.

"Do you know, my lad," asked a fatherly clerk in a kindly fashion "what becomes of young lads who trifle with the truth?"

"Aye," was the assured reply: "bosses send them out as drummers—when they grow up."

Making One

Senator Jones promised me a job.

"But, there are no jobs."

"I need a job, Senator."

"Well, I'll ask for a commission to investigate as to why there are no jobs and you can get a job on that."

A Supporter

"There ought to be only one head to any family," shouted an orator.

"That's true, replied a married looking man in the audience.

"You agree with me?" shouted the speaker.

"I do," replied the married looking man. "I've just paid for hats for nine daughters."

"This safety first idea is pretty good stuff," said Pennsylvania Hungry, as he set down a soft corner of his private box car.

"That's right," agreed Hobo Frank.

"Every now and then you read about some guy or other who's been getting drowned in a bathtub."

A young woman who had no knowledge of natural phrases asked a friend: "Do you know, I often wonder why a ship has to weigh anchor every time it leaves port?"

The answer of her friend was not illuminating.

"Well—er—the weight is constantly changing, you know, because of the circumstances and things that accumulate on the anchor."

At a charge of souvenirs the commandant suddenly cried out: "Lie Down!" as a hail of German shells came over them. They all dropped but one.

"Non de dieu, lie down!" the lieutenant colonel called out, furiously, to the one man.

"This souvenir tapped his large pocket and called back to his chief:

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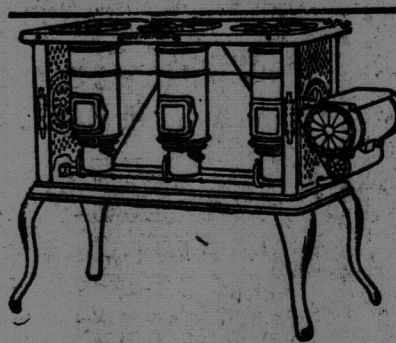
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PRISON LETTER FROM MAINE BOY

Mrs. Amos G. Fitz, of Orono, Me., has received another letter from her son, George J. Fitz, who was captured by the Germans while serving with the Canadian troops in France. His letter is written from prison barracks A, at Gleichen, Germany, and dated May 15 and is as follows:

My dear mother—It is letter day again and I suppose you are wondering how I am getting along. They still continue to treat us well and I have no complaints to make.

Of course prison life is pretty dull compared to active service and it is difficult to get any news from the outside world.

Am anxious to hear how you are and hope you will be able to send me some parcels. If you cannot send food stuff through the mail, send me a book or two to read. Magazines or papers will not pass, but story books are allowed. We are having a thunder shower today. It has rained quite a lot.

This camp is very clean and sanitary and they take every precaution to keep out infectious diseases. We have been inoculated three times against typhoid and cholera, that in addition to what we had in Canada and England should make us fairly safe from disease.

I hope peace will soon be made and all this slaughter of the best of Europe's young men will cease. Modern warfare is a dreadful thing.

NURSE WRITES OF HOSPITAL NEEDS

The following letter has been received from Miss A. Strong, formerly of the military station hospital staff here, after having been a nurse in the military hospital at Quebec, and now assistant matron of No. 2 Canadian General Hospital at Le Treport, France.

No. 2 Canadian Gen. Hospital, Le Treport, France, May 2nd, 1915.

Dear Aunt:

Prepare yourself for a straight from the shoulder begging letter.

To begin with I want you to be assured that the Red Cross garments the women of Canada have given so generously toward and have worked so faithfully over, are proving a God send to us. I wonder if you, quietly and peacefully at home, could imagine just what it meant to me one evening last week when between twelve and two, we put over 800 poor wretches to bed, to go to out a clean nightgown or suit of pajamas to each man and give them hot tomato soup, biscuits and jam from my own Red Cross supply, without distributing any one else. If the women whose generosity made it possible for me to have those things to distribute, knew just what they are meaning to us, I am sure they'd feel amply repaid for their time and work. And you have no idea how the faces of our Canadians lighten if I say, "Isn't that a comfy bathrobe? It's one made by the Canadian women."

Of course we think the Imperial troops magnificent, but we can't help feeling a special interest in our own.

However, this is not what I'm taking precious minutes to write about. I want money for extras for these Tommies. All the sisters spend more than they can afford, but it's only a drop in the bucket. Each sister has thirty-two men—you see we've up against a big proposition. Perhaps once a week we'll get a treat of cake for their tea, perhaps extra cigarettes and matches or a few pipes, or a mouth organ. How far does that go when you consider the number of men we have. Why we need even paper and envelopes, so they can write home while they're here. The chaplain and sisters buy and give their own, but we can't keep that up indefinitely. We want daily papers and magazines for our

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