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THE WAR SITUATION.

The probable retirement of the Germans from Belgium and the report that Turkey has thrown out new peace feelers are important features of the war news, but not more so than the story of capitulation. Allied success along the whole western front. Ludendorff finds it impossible to gather reserves and make a firm stand anywhere. The swift blows delivered by Foch, now here, now there, make it necessary for the enemy to rush forces from one point to another in an effort to prevent disaster which in the end is only delayed. As he retreats he leaves a trail of burning towns and villages, and the Allies would be fully justified in issuing an ultimatum to Germany declaring that for every French or Belgian town destroyed a German town will suffer. Today's cables tell of damage done to Frankfurt by Allied airmen, and of the panic that reigns there. More of this kind of fighting is necessary to teach the enemy a needed lesson.

An encouraging announcement today is that during the second quarter of this year the loss to the world's merchant shipping was only 992,859 tons, compared with 2,298,004 tons in the corresponding period of last year—a reduction by more than one-half. In September 144,772 tons of new shipping was completed in the United Kingdom.

A careful reading of the war news gives the greatest satisfaction. The Germans may avert a revolution at home and go on fighting with their backs to the wall, but utter defeat stares them in the face. It is only a question of time.

WAR GARDEN EXHIBITS.

The war-garden exhibit which is open for public inspection today should be an inspiration to the citizens and encourage more of them to enter next year into the campaign for increased production. The vegetables shown are of excellent quality and the display of canned products is not less creditable. Those who devoted part of their leisure during the spring and summer to the task of tilling a garden submit for the encouragement of others a display of samples of the fruits of their labors. The number of exhibitors is much smaller than it should be, but it is a splendid beginning. Next autumn should see a display so large as to tax the capacity of a room more than twice as large. It is merely a matter of organization and united effort. The War Gardens Association should develop into a permanent organization to encourage local production. The gardening habit should grow and flourish, and the cultivation include flowers as well as vegetables. It is a healthful as well as a profitable habit, and makes for the benefit of the community as well as of the individual.

The citizens should go to King square today of this evening and see for themselves the evidence of what even the amateur gardener can do, with a few hints and suggestions from those who have had more experience in the work. The variety shown is quite as interesting and impressive as the fine quality of the different exhibits. That good citizen, Mr. W. F. Burditt, has labored more than others to make the War Garden Exhibition a success, and has every reason to be gratified with the result.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

The convention of Women's Institutes which opened in Fredericton on Tuesday is an important parliament of women devoted to real national service. Fifteen new branches were organized in the province during the past year, making a possible membership of three thousand. The supervisor reports that at the short courses held in Woodstock, Fredericton, Sussex and Chatham 182 women and girls were enrolled, and instruction was given in cooking, home nursing, millinery and dressmaking. During the year \$1,000 was raised for the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, and other patriotic causes received substantial support. The chief work of the Institutes had to do with production and household economy. Demonstrations in the latter line of effort visited the various Institutes. A French department was opened, and twelve French Institutes organized. A bulletin on wheat substitutes is in press and others on milk, meat substitutes and canning are in preparation or under consideration. It is urged with much force that county as well as provincial conventions would be of great benefit, and also that there should be a union with western Institutes in a national organization.

The Women's Institutes have justified themselves. They provide a forum and rallying point for the women of the rural communities, and are of great educational value. Through their agency it is possible to reach and influence great numbers of women, who are benefited by the discussion of problems common to them all, as well as by the friendly intercourse that is made possible. There need be no isolation where a Women's Institute exists. It breaks down barriers of prejudice, reveals the perhaps unsuspected good in one's neighbors, and emphasizes the fact that the matters

concerning which people can heartily unite their efforts are vastly more important than those on which there may be differences of opinion. Every Women's Institute is in a broad sense a community builder.

COMMUNITY WELFARE.

Business men of St. John are this week seeking knowledge that will give them greater efficiency, and that is well. Business alone, however, will not suffice, however rapidly it may increase. In an article on Building Cities for Tomorrow, Mr. Lucius E. Wilson, of the American City Bureau, says:

"Nearly every city, large or small, has a group of business men who insistently cry for 'more factories,' but who are unwilling to give thought to the reasons that underlie such growth. . . . The modern community organization must predicate its long-term programme of work on the great truth that 'Real business progress comes from an intelligent endeavor to steadily raise the plane of living.' The organization which begins at the other end of the matter and expects to develop resourcefulness and vision after the community has become prosperous, will reap a bitter disappointment."

Mr. Frank Stockdale has quoted to his St. John hearers the truth that where there is no vision the people perish. Along with a desire to get more business, which makes for prosperity, must go the higher aim of the social welfare of the community. Canadian Finance, in a discussion of the plans of the re-organized Board of Trade of Winnipeg, commends to the members the old Athenians' oath of fealty to their city. It is as follows:

"We will never bring disgrace on this, our city, by an act of dishonesty or cowardice. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many. We will reverence and obey the city's laws, and we will do our best to inculcate a like reverence and respect in those above us who are prone to annul them or set them at naught. We will strive interestingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit this city, not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

Whatever tends to develop the community spirit is worth while. There is far too little of that spirit in St. John today.

Since the middle of July the Allies have taken half a million prisoners. In the last twenty days of September 120,000 were taken. In guns and war material the booty was enormous. Add to the prisoners taken the number of the killed and wounded and it is clear the enemy losses have enormously reduced his man-power, and he is using up his last reserves with no new reservoir of supply.

One significant sentence in today's news from the western front says: "Everywhere the signs of battle indicate the approach of the critical phase." Today's news from Belgium is especially heartening to the Allies. The German retreat continues and the position of at least one army is critical. The Belgians and British have accomplished great results in the last week.

Today's reports indicate that the Germans are preparing to meet an Allied attack along the Danube front upon Austria. The Allied forces are occupying Bulgaria under the terms of the armistice, and important developments may soon be expected in that quarter.

Lloyd George must have had the Victory Loan in mind when he uttered the following thrilling message: "It is ordained that we shall not reach the blessed era of peace save along a path of gold cemented with human blood." Blood and treasure must unite in a common sacrifice to ensure peace.

A "spearhead thrust" into the heart of the enemy, the despatches tell us, won victory for the Canadian soldiers at Cambrai. The Victory Loan is another "spearhead thrust" whose objective is Berlin.

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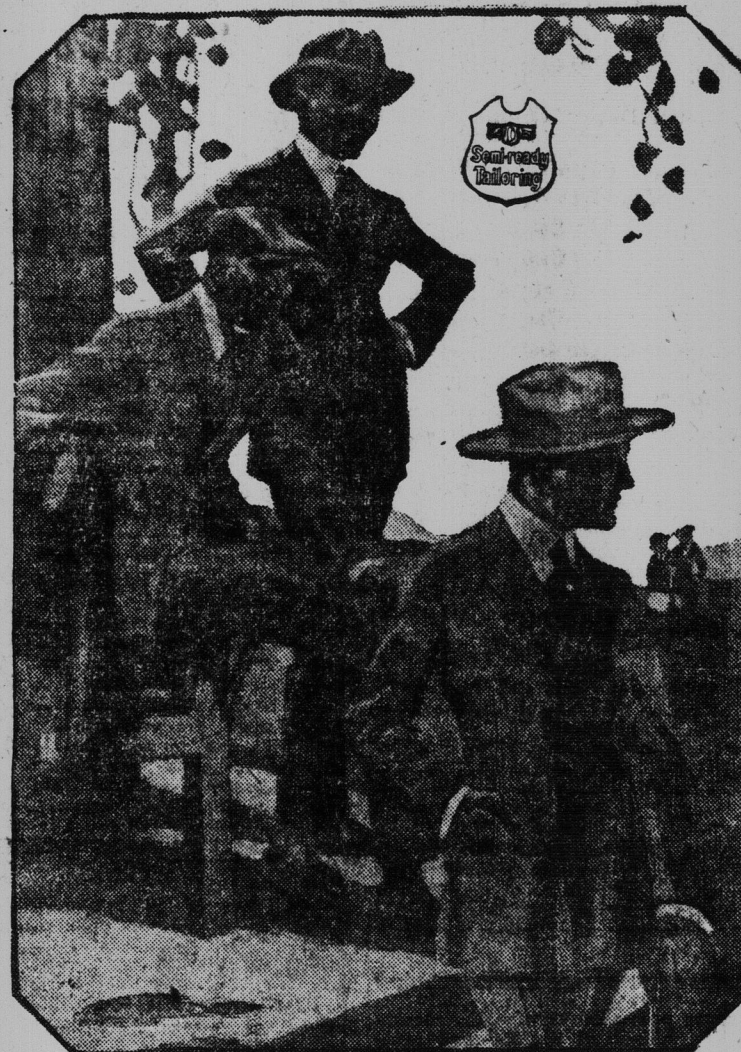
THE SHELTER OF THE NIGHT.

(To A. R. Anderson.)
The muscins call for prayer at evening tide,
Through all the gorgeous glamor of the East,
And, with the velvet darkness of the night,
The weary peasant from his labor ceased.
So, with the night, a silence seems to fall,
That lifts the soul above the cares of life,
To meet its God in peaceful solitude,
That banishes the sorrow and the strife.

How sweet it is to seek some lonely spot,
And meet thy God, alone, beneath the night—
To feel His touch, in every wanton breeze,
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No Need For Alarm or Justification For Profiteering, Says Food Board

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—A Canada food board statement, in regard to the butter situation, states that there is no need for alarm as to possible advance in price or the diminution in domestic supply following the commandeering order of Sept. 30. There are at present in storage, unaffected by this commandeering order, twenty million pounds of creamery butter. The average cost to the cold storage companies for butter now in storage is about forty-four and a quarter cents a pound.

The present supply of creamery butter in storage, together with dairy butter, which is not touched by the order, will be quite sufficient to fill the demands of the Canadian public, under existing conditions, and there is no occasion for alarm, or any justification for hoarding or profiteering.

ONE CASE HERE; VACCINE EXPERIMENTS.

One case of Spanish influenza has come to the notice of the authorities. Dr. H. L. Abramson, chief of the laboratories of the provincial department of health, stated last evening that the duration of the disease was on an average of from a week to ten days. He has secured some germs from a case which has come under his notice and is experimenting with a vaccine which may prove effective in warding the disease off.

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