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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, MAY 13, 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.

SHALL WE HATE THE HUN?

The after the war retaliation between the Allied nations and the Teutonic powers is already the subject of controversy. The general tendency is to believe that Germany, having forced this war upon the world, shall ever more be isolated from communication with other nations, that in matters of trade her very name shall be obnoxious and every effort shall be put forward to prevent the Teutons from ever again securing a place in the commercial and industrial universe.

In the Canadian Senate, the other day, an honorable Senator, who hails from the city of Halifax, expressed the opinion that after the war Germany would be Canada's best customer. It does not matter that the gentleman giving expression to such an opinion was, before the war, the agent for a German steamship line and that if trade relations are restored after the cessation of hostilities he will probably be able to work up a remunerative connection of the same sort; it does not supply material to the argument in this case to say that the honorable Senator has been pro-German in his views, or that he refused to contribute to Canadian patriotic objects, and literally insulted the collectors who called upon him. The question to be considered is: Will we be justified in continuing to hate the Hun after peace has been restored? Will the memory of Louvain, Antwerp, Rheims, the Belgian horrors, the Serbian and Montenegrin atrocities, the murder of Edith Cavell, the crime of the Lusitania, and the loss of our own loved ones, remain with us and bind us to the advantage of buying and selling German-made goods?

Just now G. K. Chesterton, the famous English author, is being assailed as "a victim and exponent of a very horrible thing called Hate." It appears Mr. Chesterton has been more than ordinarily pronounced in his opinion of the Huns and has drawn upon his devoted head the criticism of the London Nation, which paper is inclined to regard leniently the crimes of Germany, and declares that after the war there should be harmony and good understanding between all parties to the present conflict.

We do not believe that many Canadians will be found to agree with the attitude of the Nation. This war, monstrous and horrible, devastating and ruthless, was forced upon the world by a Prussianism lustful for world domination. But for the Prussian attitude the world would never have been plunged into this four-year season of blood and tears. And when Prussian militarism has been overcome, when the Teutonic blood-hunt has been curbed, and our lads return to the task so rudely interrupted by the call to arms, shall we forget and forgive? To ask the question is to answer it. By the memory of graves in France and Flanders, by the thought of the loved one who has returned but a semblance of his former self, by the knowledge of all that Canadians have suffered and endured the answer is "NO."

Germany has inflicted this war upon the world; let Germany and her people suffer the consequence. The question is not one to be answered by the terms of the Golden Rule, but rather by the sterner, more drastic provision of the Mosaic law that demands "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." To be true to those who have gone from us we shall continue to hate the Hun even unto future generations. After the war Germany must be an outcast from the commercial and industrial world. The Teutons will this quarrel, let them abide by its results.

FARMERS AND THE M. S. A.

A monster delegation of farmers, representing, it is said, every parish in the Province of Quebec, will wait upon the Dominion Government tomorrow to request that they shall be exempt from the provisions of the Military Service Act. The argument they propose to use in support of their appeal is that it is as important to maintain stocks of food for domestic consumption and for export to the soldiers as it is to send men to fill the gaps in the Canadian army.

All will admit the importance of keeping the food supply up to the very pinnacle of our productive ability, but this contention would have more force if put forward by men whose chief interest in food is not in the profit to be made from it. The farmers are merely asking that they may be allowed to remain free to pursue their ordinary occupation from which the circumstance of war has enabled them to reap handsome profits. In this the farmers have a strong interest and consequently it

would seem that the necessity of providing men for food production could be more convincingly advanced by those whose interest is that of the consumer rather than the producer. Food is necessary if the work of the army is to be successful. Munitions must also be available if our men are not to fail. The munition workers as a class have as much reason to ask for exemption from military service, as farmers or fishermen, yet no such application has been received.

To the farmers and all others who would claim special privileges in the matter of military service the answer is obvious. What will it avail Canada if we maintain our food production and the Empire armies are beaten? The first and most important need is for fighting men. These men should be taken from non-essential industries so long as it is possible to get the supply from such a source. But if the time comes when it is a choice between the rifle and the hoe the young farmers must don the khaki like any other citizen. Delegations and protests will not win the war. The farmers may well observe the splendid example of France. In that country old men, women, and children, are cultivating the fields to the best of their ability while the blood and sinew of the country are to be found in the trenches. There was no question of class exemption there, or in England. There should be no attempt to raise such a question in Canada. Exemption from military service should be granted only in cases where the individual is able to show that his claims to remain at home in essential employment are stronger than the power of the nation to call him for duty.

AN ILLUMINATING CONTRAST.

One of the features of the Lloyd-George, General Maurice incident, which seems to have escaped attention is the illuminating contrast it affords between British and the German methods of doing things. The mere suspicion that an English Minister of the Crown had neglected to tell the whole truth, or had made in Parliament a statement capable of a wrong construction, was sufficient to cause a storm of criticism and lead to an official vote of the British House of Commons. Every one admits that if the Maurice charges had been sustained the Government of Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Bonar Law would have been in the gravest peril.

In Germany the chief duty of a Minister of State is to lie brazenly to everyone except the Kaiser. If he does not lie to the Reichstag, to the foreign embassies, and to his own people he is held to be not fit for statesmanship. To give a false color to the world's view before it is printed in any German newspaper is a part of his daily duty. And the German statesmen have measured up to the mark. They have lied and falsified to their heart's content and in conformity with their instructions. As a result they continue in the favor of the powers that rule in Potsdam. But what an awakening there will be before the last gun has reverberated over the fields of France and Flanders; how thoroughly familiar the German people will be with the depths of duplicity of those in high places. And what will be the portion of those lying officials if the Kaiser's Empire ever comes to know one tittle of the blessing and benefits attendant upon a democratic government and free institutions such as we enjoy within the bounds of the British Empire?

AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE.

The Secretary for War of the United States has authorized the statement that the number of American troops in France is in excess of the half million mark, but he does not limit the number to that figure. From unofficial sources it has been placed substantially higher, but there are obvious reasons why no official statement has been forthcoming. The Secretary for War now says that the estimate given to the Senate in January has been more than realized. He also states that there is no present or prospective shortage of machine guns, but that the troops sent to France are fully equipped in all respects.

Both of these statements are of more than passing importance, not only as evidence of what the United States has accomplished against great odds, but also as showing that our allies of the Great Republic are fully alive to the vital necessity of putting into France the largest possible army in the shortest space of time. The American soldiers are likely to prove the determining factor in this war.

Food Conservation.

To the Editor of The Standard:—It seems to me that the regulation in regard to the conservation of food is framed in the interest of the retailer dealer, rather than in the interest of food conservation.

In New Brunswick, except in the towns and large villages, everybody buys their flour by the barrel. Under the food regulation, he is compelled to return this to the dealer, taking in pay therefor, the lowest prevailing price, and then buying it back as he needs it, paying to the dealer an increased price for the same.

Will a family use less in buying in small quantities, than they would if they bought a barrel? The dealers have been compelling the farmers to buy even more flour than they have need of.

The millers have been compelling dealers to buy a certain amount of flour with every car of feed. In the same manner, the dealer sold to the farmer, if you want feed, you will have to buy so much flour too. The people would not complain if they were allowed to have one barrel at a time, but to compel them to return the barrel or even half a barrel, and then buy it back in five and ten pound lots, is more than they care to put up with.

It seems to me, that where we are paying everything that we can to help carry on the war, in contribution to Red Triangle, Soldiers' Comforts, Red Cross, and Salvation Army, that on top of this, the farmer who is compelled to pay a tax also to the retail dealer, if such nonsensical regulations are perpetuated, I am afraid the people will deeply resent it, and contributions to patriotic purposes will be very much smaller.

ONE INTERESTED.

Norton, N. B., May 10th, 1918.

Reported in Buffalo.

(Buffalo Courier.) The following was heard on a street car one very cold day in winter in a Canadian city. At a corner the car was boarded by a husky soldier in the picturesque Highland uniform—the kilts of which leave the knees bare. On the car was a young dude still in mufti, seated with his best girl. The girl cast admiring glances at the attractively uniformed "kiltie" much to the displeasure of the slacker. So he endeavored to make fun of the uniform by remarking: "I think that outfit is most ridiculous. That fellow's knees look as if they were frozen." The kiltie overheard the comment, glanced contemptuously at the dude's civilian clothes, then scornfully replied: "Well, young fellow, it is a sure thing my knees aren't as cold as your feet." The slacker got off at the next stop.

Some English.

(London Chronicle) American soldiers who are shaky as to their French have often been embarrassed by their voluble replies which their carefully studied phrases bring forth from French lips. But the tables are frequently turned, and the French man or woman is puzzled by the fluent American vernacular. An example: Yankee Trooper—"Parly voe English, mademoiselle?" French Maid—"Yes, I am a lesson." Yankee Trooper—"Good work! Say, could you put me wise where I could line up against some good eats in this burg?"

A Queer People.

(Philadelphia Ledger.) Daniel Willard, former chairman of the War Industries Board, said at a dinner in Washington: "The Germans are a funny people. They are sometimes now that the world is unjust to them. They rather remind me of the old maid. A frightful wreck of an old maid once went to a fashionable photographer and had herself photographed in a low-necked white gown. Looking at the result, the old maid hissed: 'This photograph doesn't do me justice.' 'Justice, madam?' said the photographer. 'Don't talk about justice. What you want is mercy.'"

A BIT OF VERSE

(From The London Daily Mail.) Out beyond in the shattered land The men of the rearguard lie, Who made that last grim desperate stand, Knowing they had to die; Who fought and fell in the jaws of hell Ere ever the foe came by.

Over their bones the great flood rolls, The flood of the men in grey, And never a passing bell there tolls For the spirits that wing their way Far from the field they scorned to yield And the risen and lifeless clay.

But, though their task on earth be done Their brothers shall battle on, Aye, as at Ypres they held the Hun, Though the last of hope seemed gone, Till, bright as gold on our banner's fold The sun of victory shone! —Touchstone.

A BIT OF FUN

THE LAUGH DIPLOMATIC. "Does the boss ever tell you funny stories?" "No, but I don't dare deceive him."

THE MORNING AFTER. Wife—"Do you think it good taste for you to stay out to the hour you did last night?" Hub—"If you refer, my dear, to this dark brown taste in my mouth, I confess that it's anything but good."

NOW IN THE DODO CLASS. Of the beasts familiar to us in our youth, two, at least, have become extinct. One was the "consecrated cross-eyed bear" we used to sing about in Sunday school; the other that creature of wonderful speed and

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

My sister Gladia can tell things about people just by looking at their writing, on account of her having a book called, *Grafology*, or *How to Read Character by Handwriting*, which she is all the time studying, and last night pop sed, Well, Gladia, how *Grafology* coming along, you awt to be quite a expert by this time.

I am, sed Gladia, and pop sed, O, you admit it, do you? Well come ahead and tell me wat mystic things you see in my writing. I'd like to satisfy myself whether or not there really is anything in *Grafology*.

And he wrote something on the back of an envelope, and Gladia looked at it a while like a fortune teller, saying, Well, in the first place, your writing shows a lack of modesty.

Well then its roag, rite in the first place, there never was a more modest man than I am, there coodnt be, sed pop.

Hee hee, sed ma. And in the 2nd place, sed Gladia, your writing indicates obstinacy. Then its just as roag in the 2nd place, I never met a man more open to reason than I am, sed pop, this so called science of *Grafology* is a Joke, thats wat I think.

Hee hee, sed ma. Your writing also shows generosity, grate generosity, sed Gladia. Well thats true, Im always ready to give in a worthy cause, nobdy ever called me a tite wad yet, sed pop.

It shows a sense of humor, too, sed Gladia. Does it? sed pop, O well, I suppose there must be something to it, after all, it stands to reason that a mans character wood show to some extent in his writing.

Hee hee, sed ma. If youll tell me the joke, Ill be glad to accompany you in the bass, sed pop.

I was jest thinking of something funny, sed ma. And she kept on nitting and laffing to herself out loud, and Gladia went out, and pop started to read the paper and look at ma every time she laffed without asking her agen wat the joke was.

endurance, the "equator," or "menagerie lion that ran around the earth."

A NATURAL QUESTION. "Mamma, have I any children?" asked six-year-old Dorothy. "Of course not, dear. What do you mean?"

"Well, the preacher spoke in church this morning about children and I wondered if I had any."

MORE THAN HER SHARE. Alice—Did you hear about Cora? She's going to marry a widower with six children.

Edith—She always was a greedy thing.

LETTER FROM THE CANADA FOOD BOARD READ FROM PULPIT

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison will go in for Food Production this Summer—Read Communication from Food Board in Church Yesterday.

Dr. J. A. Morison of the First Presbyterian Church, West St. John, announced at yesterday morning's services in his church that "This year he was breaking his annual vacation in two and was spending two weeks on his farm in Kings County, putting in potatoes and other seeds. He then read the following letter issued by the Canada Food Board to all clergymen: Canada Food Board, Ottawa, April 25th, 1918.

The need for greater food sacrifices, including the curtailment of the consumption of wheat, meat and fats, is so great that we are again asking for your co-operation in bringing the facts to the attention of the public and enlisting their co-operation.

Your name is already on our mailing list for The Canadian Food Bulletin and doubtless you are already doing something to keep your congregation informed of the perilous food situation at the present time and the responsibilities which it involves upon each one of us.

Many of the churches of Canada have small publications including church calendars, publications of auxiliary societies and occasional reports dealing with various kinds of church work. The purpose of the present letter is to ask for your further assistance by placing at the disposal of the Canada Food Board a small amount of space in each issue of publications of this character for a message, dealing with the food situation, in the food situation, and pointing out the clear duty of the Canadian people in connection therewith.

We propose to issue weekly a message of not more than two hundred words—a rule it will be much less, which will be sent to the pastors or editors of the church publications. May we count on your co-operation in this work? The need of food supplies overseas is little short of terrifying and conservation is today a national and individual duty, to which I am confident the churches will give their fullest support.

Will you be good enough to fill up the attached card, and mail it to us at your earliest convenience? Yours faithfully, CANADA FOOD BOARD, A Standard representative, Dr. Morison spoke regarding the seriousness of the food shortage and showed farmers, seed potatoes and other seeds which he was going to plant on his farm in Kings county during his first two weeks' vacation.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. John Hamill. The death of Mrs. John Hamill occurred Saturday morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Captain Fred Maboe, 44 Kennedy street. She was ninety years old, and leaves one son.

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