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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.

THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.

That St. John's young men are now more deeply aroused to the necessity of offering for active service, than at any time since the outbreak of war, is well illustrated by the fact that more than 120 came forward at last evening's great recruiting meeting and offered themselves as members of the 104th—Lieut. Col. Fowler's crack New Brunswick regiment.

It was stated at last evening's meeting that, at the rate of progress already shown, the 104th would have 800 men in the ranks by Saturday night. Last night's contribution should put the number well over 900 and a few days' campaigning will be sufficient to complete the establishment. Young men desiring to join what is likely to prove one of the finest regiments to go from Canada should act at once. Otherwise it may be too late.

THE NEW RUSSIA

It is reported that since the Czar's government put vodka under the ban the Russian peasants have saved one hundred million roubles a month, or \$52,500,000. In the twelve months since that decree was put into force the saving would amount to \$630,000,000, and it is now reported that the Russian government is shortly to issue an internal loan of \$500,000,000. If so the peasants should be able to take care of it from their savings.

The new Russia may be said to date from 1914, the outbreak of war. Before that time Germany did not seriously regard the possibility of opposition from the East. Her plan was to conquer France first, and then Great Britain. Russia was to be reckoned with in the indefinite future. But Russia surprised the world. She mobilized her troops with a facility entirely above and beyond all expectations and once in line they fought valiantly and well. But for the onslaught of the Russian steam roller early in the campaign the Germans would have been able to bring much more pressure to bear in France. The progress of the Muscovite troops, however, was so marked that official Germany was forced to pay serious attention to the "bear" and to send to the eastern battle front army corps after army corps of the flower of the Austro-German forces.

Today Russia is confident that her cause will triumph and that the enemy is already on the road to defeat. Travellers recently returned from Petrograd and Moscow report the Russian people as more contented, more prosperous than ever. They

have taken on a new energy and the sole desire now is to prosecute the campaign until rewarded by complete victory. When the story of the war is written in its entirety it will be found that more than passing credit for the success of the Allies must be given to the Muscovites. It is a new Russia that faces the Teuton today.

CANADA'S FOREIGN BORN.

A special report published by the Census and Statistics office at Ottawa gives interesting facts in regard to the foreign born population of Canada. It shows that at the last census, in 1911, the total foreign born population of Canada was 752,732, or ten per cent of the total population. According to the immigration records from 1912 to 1915 the number of Austrians entering this country was 78,999 while German to the number of 17,626 also came into Canada. There are no available statistics of departures.

Of the total of 752,732 foreign born persons in Canada in 1911 there were 62.6 per cent. of males, the males amongst the foreign born of hostile countries being 77,662 for Austria-Hungary, 39,577 for Germany and 3,523 for Turkey and Syria. Since 1911 the total number of foreign born who have become naturalized is 344,557 or nearly 46 per cent. of the total. Persons born in the enemy countries, but who have become naturalized in Canada, number for Austria-Hungary 60,949, or 50 per cent.; for Germany, 28,283, or 59 per cent.; and for Turkey and Syria, 1,889, or 39 per cent.

Of the total foreign born population 303,680 were born in the United States. The report presents an analysis showing that of this number 152,398 were naturalized and 151,282 were still alien. From a further statement of the racial origin of the immigration population born in the United States it appears that 136,720 were of British, 1,804 were of Austro-Hungarian and 45,374 were of German origin. Of these numbers 70,527 of British origin, 813 of Austro-Hungarian origin and 21,362 of German origin were naturalized.

Sir George Reid, Australian High Commissioner in London, offered to continue in his post without salary, but was politely informed by Premier Fisher that Australia did not require such a sacrifice. Then, the premier appointed himself to the position. The action explains the statement.

From Berlin to Baghdad is said to be the German slogan in the Balkan venture. But the Huns may find that the highway between those two centres is even longer than that road of which the songster tells us with its terminus at Tipperary.

"Remember Cavell!" should serve as a rallying cry when the men of the Empire go forth to avenge the murder of that splendid English woman whose death will stand as one of the blackest blot on the German escutcheon.

One hundred and twenty recruits at a single meeting. They have done no better than that in the larger cities of Canada.

The British Fleet

Recently rates for marine insurance on shipments in neutral vessels from the United States to Scandinavian ports—except Stockholm—were advanced to seven per cent.; while to Stockholm the rate was fixed at ten per cent. These are the rates the shipper paid when he declared neutral ownership and neutral destination of the cargo. At the same time the rate of insurance on shipments in neutral vessels from the United States to Holland—neutral ownership and destination being declared—was one and a half per cent.

The reason for this extraordinary difference was that Dutch shipping interests had combined in the Netherlands Overseas Trust and given guarantees—satisfactory to Great Britain—that no goods shipped into Holland should find their way to Germany. The Overseas Trust gives licenses, under strict regulations, to Dutch importers, who must prove that the goods do not reach Germany. When the insurance rates were advanced Scandinavian countries had not made arrangements which assured to England's satisfaction that goods billed to their ports would not reach Ger-

many. Hence, England was setting the shipments; hence, the nearly prohibitive insurance rates. Small neutral states are free to use the sea just in proportion as they meet British requirements. In war time "freedom of the sea" is largely a figure of speech.

Edith Cavell.

(E. S. Buchanan in New York Times.) She faced the firing squad alone, And with unbandaged eyes Looked upward to the moon that shone— The moon of English skies.

The prison faded from her view, The trampling armed men; And in the lanes her childhood knew She roamed a child again.

A tiny flag upon her breast Showed where her heart did lie; "I'm glad"—she smilingly confessed—"For England's sake to die."

A volley!—and her spirit fled From earth without a groan— O foe-men! wept ye o'er the dead, Or had ye hearts of stone?

Knew none of you her gentle hand Had smoothed your comrades' cot? Shrank none of you from their command To fire the fatal shot?

Her blood proclaims with crimson stain The doom of tyrants; They die for freedom not in vain Who die as brave as she.

Heavier Toll of Sacrifice.

(London Daily Express.) The signs are in our favor, but the final act of the greatest of all world dramas is still afar off. Complete German triumph has been impossible since the battle of the Marne, but that has not prevented prolonged German advances and many German victories. We have now entered a new phase of the war, a phase that must see the weakening of the enemy and the hastening of the end, but that end means breaking the might of the enemy once for all, and a heavier toll of sacrifice must still be paid before that is accomplished.

Tribute to Kipling

M. Maurice Barres, writing in the "Echo de Paris" on Mr. Rudyard Kipling's only son being "wounded and missing on French soil, says: "For years the great writer of old England has been read, followed, and admired by us. More than any one else he has made us understand the spiritual origin of his country; but one day, in a voice full of enthusiasm, he sang an ode in honor of our country. Yesterday he visited and eulogized our soldiers; today his dearest blood is mingled with the blood of our defenders. Our admiration increases our friendship.

"The illustrious national poet of England receives the deep sympathy of France."—Reuter.

ONLY GOODS ORDERED BEFORE MAR. 1 IMMUNE

London, Oct. 28.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister replying today to a question in the House of Commons, repudiated the suggestion that the government had decided to give immunity to goods of an enemy country origin contracted for before June 16. The government, said Sir Edward, had declared its intention not to interfere with the shipment from neutral ports of goods of an enemy country origin actually ordered before March 1, 1915, and either paid for before that date or contracted for upon such terms that the neutral purchaser was liable for payment and such payment in an enemy country could be legally enforced whether the goods are delivered in his own country or not.

"The government," Sir Edward added, "stipulated that all such intended shipments must be notified to them for consideration before Nov. 1."

Washington Informed of Decision.

Washington, Oct. 28.—The British government has rejected the request of the foreign trade advisers that goods purchased in Germany or Austria between March 1 and March 15 be released from the provision of the British order-in-council. Cable advices were received today stating that the British authorities would not extend the agreement to apply to goods, except those purchased before March 1.

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORP'N STOCK CONTROLLED BY BACHE CO

New York, Oct. 27.—J. S. Bache and Company, bankers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, announced the purchase for stock control of the International Banking Corporation, paying \$100 per share for a majority of the \$3,250,000 capital stock. The International Banking Corporation

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Me and pop was setting awn the front steps aftir suppr yesterday, pop smokin' and me jest settin' there, and a man with a little organ tied around his shoulders stopped rite in frunt of us and startid to play his organ, soundin' pritty fearsa.

Ah, the der old squeaky organ of my boyhood days, sed pop. And he closed his eyes and sat there puffin' awn his segar, sayin', Wat tendir memories dont the sound of that insterment bring back.

Wat suns dont they, pop? I sed, Wich pop jest sat there lissenin' and the man kepp awn playin' the organ, and pop sed, Ah, I cood listen to that awl nite.

Coed you lissen to that saim toon awl nite, I sed. Yes, that verry saim toon, sed pop, and I sed, Well, maybe youll haf to, because he aint got any uthir toon.

Wats that, how do you, sed pop. Because he comes around evry day and thats the ony toon hes got, I sed.

O, well, wat do I care, sed pop, I cood lissen to that organ awl nite even if theres wasent wun toon in it, sed pop. And he kepp awn smokin' and lissenin' and smokin', and the man with the organ kepp awn playin' the saim toon awn akkount of it was the ony toon he had, and aftir a wile pop stopped smokin' and lissenin' and sed, Benny, are you sure thats the ony toon that poor idiot has in his organ.

Yes sir, I sed, and pop sed, Are you serten, and I sed, Yes sir, and pop sed, Are you positive, and I sed, Yes sir and pop sed, Well, as I sed befor, I cood lissen to it awl nite, but I dont intend to.

And he got up and gave the man sumthin' and startid to wawk up the street, and pritty soon the man stopped playin' and went awy, wich I didnt care wether he did or not, awn akkount of me nevvir sayin' I wuntid to lissen to it awl nite.

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