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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.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

That the Bolsheviks of Russia have been forced to conclude temporary terms of peace on conditions outlined in Berlin is not surprising. In fact any person who has been observing the trend of events in Russia for the past few weeks would be amazed if there could be any outcome except that which is indicated in last night's despatches.

In her negotiations with the Bolshevik government of Russia, as in almost everything else she has undertaken, Germany has displayed at the one time the velvet glove of the highest type of Prussian diplomacy and the steel claw of the Prussian military suit. The four parlers at Brest-Litovsk were prolonged until it became certain that the Russian forces at the border had been demobilized, and then there was a sudden decision on the part of the German general staff to rush an attack on Petrograd. As a result, and in the face of practically no resistance the Germans crossed the Dvina and resumed hostilities against the North Russian government. The effect of this drive against what was practically an unprepared people may be imagined. Probably it was not necessary for the Germans to make more than one or two minor successes against the enemy before they had in their camp delegations from Petrograd willing to subscribe to any sort of peace that would halt the military monster of the oncoming foe.

Nor is it surprising that in the peace negotiations Petrograd should be completely outmaneuvered. Lenin and Trotsky are no match for the military diplomats of Potsdam who would encounter little or no difficulty in securing a treaty of peace to their liking.

There still is the Ukraine, but on this it is not advisable to build too highly as the forces of that part of Russia are hopelessly divided and in no condition to put up anything like a successful fight against the German invader. To all intents and purpose Russia is out of the war. The peace which it is said has been agreed upon between her and Germany is the natural result of the developments of the past few weeks. Lenin and his Socialist friends declared they had rescued Russia from the throes of an absolute monarchy; instead, they have delivered her to the tender mercies of a Prussian autocracy, which they are likely to find much more oppressive than anything Russia could have suffered during the absolutism of the Romanoff dynasty. This is a case where a little alleged liberty proved the undoing of a nation.

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

No man of the last century has increased with the years like Lincoln, whose birthday the people of the United States celebrated recently. The perspective of Time reveals him as the greatest man yet born on this Continent. More and more, men of all ranks become ardent students of his genius and character, of his public and private life. The Lincoln bibliography has grown to large proportions, and every authentic contribution to the study is eagerly welcomed, so securely has he gripped the popular imagination. And no man of modern times will better repay close consideration. He stands out as prophet and lover of the people—the people in the sense of Ebenezer Elliot's great hymn—as the ruler of their choice whose almost unlimited power was used with a single eye to the will of God and the highest common good. His deep and humble feeling of responsibility marks every public utterance touching the Civil War, which he faced without flinching while shrinking from its bloodshed. This was he who was the political saviour of a great nation, rent in twain as by storm and earthquake; the man who practically carried his people through one of the greatest and bloodiest civil wars to peace and a solid union.

How this man with mean ancestry and birth, with hard, coarse, uncivilized youth and early manhood of dire poverty, without any means of common education save what he seized in the only possible and solitary way, with out any chances for the barest amenities of life—how this man became an apostle of human liberty, the ruling citizen of a great republic, and a maker of prose marked by biblical brevity and biblical beauty and biblical vitality, is one of the most moving and inspiring human records of any language. Tragedy accompanied with him throughout, making his life one of peculiar solitude and gloom; and his taking off was the fitting dramatic close.

In the essentials, Lincoln is a pe-

tern for all students and lawyers and statesmen. His moral stature reached to the very height of his genius. Mr. E. W. Thomson, one of our most notable poets, who has written several stirring poems on this hero, has put his immortal leadership in a single stanza which the shade of Caesar might covet:

"And did you think was Lincoln dead  
 Because his mouldering length of clay  
 Lifts nevermore the brooding head  
 To eye the slowly brightening day?  
 I tell you that his blood was shed  
 That he might, living, lead the way."

## BRITAIN AND ALSACE-LORRAINE.

In certain sections of the American press a question has been raised as to whether Great Britain is in actual accord with France upon the question of Alsace and Lorraine. It is pointed out by those who think they discern a difference between the French and British position, that in his recent statement outlining Allied war aims, Lloyd George merely stated that there would have to be a "reconsideration of the great wrong of 1871," and from this it is deduced that the British premier could not have had in mind the unconditional restoration of the stolen provinces to France. Perhaps to settle the controversy Mr. Lloyd George should be called as a witness; and we think that the following passages, taken from the recent conference between the British premier and British labor, makes the matter perfectly clear:

A Delegate: Will the Prime Minister briefly explain what he means by the reconsideration of the position of Alsace and Lorraine?

Mr. Lloyd George: I stated the view of the government I think quite clearly last time. My view is that the people of this country will stand by the people of France. It is a question for them to decide. You must remember this is really not a question of territory to them. It has been a question of vital principle. It has been like an open sore in their side for nearly fifty years. They have never been able to live in peace during the whole of that time, and their view undoubtedly is that you cannot have peace in France until you have settled this question once and for ever, and if you cannot have peace for France you won't have peace in Europe, and you must settle this question unless you are going to have a series of wars in Europe. Therefore our view is that the people of France, who are primarily concerned, are the people who have to determine what they regard as fair, and in this respect the determination of the government is to stand by the democracy of France in their struggles.

There is nothing either of ambiguity or of equivocation about that.

It means that if France justly decides she must have back her lost provinces, Britain will back the claim to her final breath.

## POLITICS IN ALBERTA.

The Conservatives of Alberta have decided for the present not to name a provincial leader in succession to Hon. Edward Michener, who has recently been appointed to the Senate. At the meeting of the Opposition members of the legislature at which this conclusion was reached it was also decided to give every Conservative member of the House, for the present session, a free hand to consider government measures and all other measures on their merits, and to support or oppose them without reference to party, but with regard solely to what may appear to be in the public interest. The official reason given for the unusual but overwhelmingly rational course was that the public sentiment was opposed to extreme partisanship during the war. The real reason may be the prospective entrance of the new Unionist party into the field of Alberta provincial politics.

Mr. James Simpson, one time controller of Toronto, and always a windy Laborite, announces with a considerable flourish of trumpets through the upper Canadian newspapers that he would rather be a member of the Russian Bolsheviks than of the British House of Commons. Probably, if their opinions were taken the members of the British House of Commons would like to see that the verbose Mr. Simpson secured his wish.

According to the Telegraph and Times Commissioner G. Fred Fisher of the Public Works Department is one great man. That is as it may be. But if you get your feet wet this morning plunging through St. John's uncleaned streets you will have an opportunity of deciding for yourself just about the sort of commissioner he is—our contemporaries notwithstanding.

# A COLLEGE GIRL BEATS BURGLAR

Young Man Enters Room of Wellesley Student After Midnight and Gets a Hot Water Bag Lambasting.

Boston, Feb. 19.—Pretty Miss Lyle Thomas of Swanset, Tenn., a member of the class of '21 at Wellesley College, who gained fame when she put to route with a loaded hot-water bottle a male intruder in the dormitory of Dr. M. C. Stone, 18 Belair avenue, Wellesley, was the chief witness yesterday when Robert Topham, of South Natick, was arraigned before Judge Grover, at Dedham, charged with breaking and entering the dormitory shortly after midnight. Judge and spectators alike were surprised when Miss Thomas took the stand. The girl who took the stand this morning was a slip of a miss. She weighs scarcely 100 pounds, and her fair hair and delicate skin give no hint of hidden strength. She told Judge Grover that she was awakened early Sunday morning when someone opened her room door.

## Man in Room.

"Then I saw a man creep into my room," she said. "I didn't know he was awake. But he didn't stop, so I jumped out of bed, took the hot water bottle that I had in bed with me, and threw it at him. Then I ran out of the room and locked myself in another room across the hall. I afterward learned that this second room was that through which the man gained entrance to the house."

After hearing the testimony of Miss Anna J. Morse of Haverhill, another student at the college; Miss Elizabeth Merrick, employed at the dormitory, and officer James O'Hay, who followed the tracks made by the man as he fled from the house, and who later arrested Topham in South Natick, Judge Grover found probable cause and held Topham in \$500 for the Grand Jury. Bail was furnished and Topham was released.

## TIED ALL THE TIME

It is natural to feel tired sometimes, when you have worked or exercised sufficiently to cause a heartfelt feeling of fatigue. But you should be refreshed by rest. A tired feeling that does not disappear even after a night's sleep is abnormal. It means that you are anemic—that your blood is thin and watery. It means that you need a tonic to build you up and fortify your system against such a condition. If you do not take prompt steps to improve the blood you are inviting disease, because poor blood means that your power of resistance is lowered. Thin blood is largely the sufferer's own fault. It results from neglect, because the blood can be built up. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills supply the elements that the blood needs to make it rich and red and to enable it to carry more oxygen. That is why these pills change weak men and women into robust, healthy people. There is no spot in this great country where you will not find some former sufferer who has been restored to the blessing of good health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. If you are feeling at all like the sorts of men further neglect yourself, a fair treatment with these pills will give you new strength to meet life's duties.

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## A BIT OF VERSE

"ST. OVEN IN PICARDY."

Gleams of English orchards dance  
 Through the sunny haze of France;  
 Flowers that blow at Nedonchel  
 Thrive in Gloucestershire as well:  
 Children sing to fleet the time  
 What they deem an English rhyme—  
 "Kiss me quick; apres la guerre  
 Promenade en Angletterre."

English hearts are gladdened when  
 Out of children's lips again  
 Comes the lit of English song  
 When their absence has been long;  
 Children running through the street  
 Beating time with merry feet—  
 "Kiss me quick; apres la guerre  
 Promenade en Angletterre."

But hear them as they sing  
 Bright, sudden questioning:  
 Here the children play and roam—  
 How's my little one at home?  
 In St. Owen the simple strain  
 Takes the heart with guerry pain—  
 "Kiss me quick; apres la guerre  
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—Punch.

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# Little Benny's Note Book

Yesterday after supper me and Sid Hunt and Puds Simkins made up a contest to see which one could get up the earliest in the morning. Sid taking a girls bare ribbin out of his pocket and climbing up and tying it to the top of the lam post, saying, There you are, whoever gets up the first can climb up and take it down for profit.

Which we all sed we bet we woud be the one, and last nite wen I went to bed I sed to pop, Pop, will you call me as soon as you get up tomorrow morning, its very important.

Wy, yes, Ill call you, but thats as much as I can promise, sed pop. Meaning he didnt bleeve I woud get up, and this morning I wook up dreaming I was in the middle of the ocean in the middle of a hearl in the middle of a farse storm, and heer it was pop shaking me, saying, Its after 8 o'clock, do you want to be late for skool?

And I quick jumped out of bed saying, Aw G, pop, I thawt you sed you woud call me the minnit you got up.

I did say so, and wats more, I did so, I called yor at least 8 times beginning an hour and a half ago, and you answered me politly each time, sed pop. And he went down to the ofiss and I quick hurried up and got dressed and had my breakfast, wich by that time it was nearly 5 o'clock and I had to run like anything to be in time for skool, catching ur to 3 other fellows running jest as hard, and who was they but Sid Hunt and Puds Simkins, me thinking, G, they did the same thing I did, as soon as skool leaves out Ill quick run and climb up and take the ribbin down, and Ill win after all.

Both of them properly thinking the same thing, because wile I was running like anything after skool had left out I cawt up to 3 other fellows running jest as hard, and who was they but Sid Hunt and Puds Simkins, and we all got to the lam post at the same time and heer there was no ribbin on it.

G, wares the ribbin? I sed.

Hay, wares the ribbin? sed Sid Hunt.

G, hay, wares the ribbin? sed Puds Simkins.

Wich Maad Jonsin was standing there, and she sed, O, did you boys put that up there, Sid Hunts sister saw it up there and sed it was hers and she got Sam Cross to climb up and get it for her.

Aw heck, wd do you say we have another contest for tomorro morning? sed Sid Hunt.

Me and Puds both saying it was too mutch trubbel.

# FREIGHT CONDITIONS

## BETTER IN THE EAST

Railroad Administration At Washington Raises Embargo on Important Articles.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Freight conditions are so much better in the east that the railroad administration announced today it had been able to lift the embargo restrictions on a number of important articles of small bulk contributing to production of food, fuel or the maintenance of health.

In addition to food, fuel shipments to the government and railroad materials, which heretofore have been exempted from the freight embargo, the modifications are extended to printing paper, and printing ink, agricultural implements, binder twine, canning machinery, carbide, carbon black, chrome and other dyes.

## RECENT CHARTERS.

Scha. Chas. M. Struven, 562 tons, Gulf to Porto Rico, lumber, at or about \$25; Damietta and Joanna, 273 tons, same; Margaret G., 209 tons, Barbados to St. John, N.B., molasses, p.t.; Kenwood, 797 tons, Boston to the River Plate, lumber, p.t.; Eleanor F. Bartram, 920 tons Virginia to Brazil, coal, p.t.; Sally When (new) 860 tons gross, Gulf to the River Plate, lumber, p.t., prompt; Neutral Sit., 3300 tons New York to Lisbon, general cargo, p.t. Feb.-Mar.; Sptn. Str. Idara, 1935 tons, New York to the River Plate, lumber, p.t., prompt; Sptn. Str. Platice, 1265 tons, same, March; Span. Str. Mouro, 1639 tons, Spain to New York, general cargo, p.t. prompt.



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Combination, First, "Pirates," Annie Marshall, Beatrice Marshall and Alice Marshall; Second prize, "Cow boys," J. Nixon, L. Nixon, W. Nixon and V. Nixon; Third prize, "Vogue," Miss Everett and R. Barbour. The judges were: J. C. Chesley, G. E. Day, F. Goddard, Mrs. F. Gregory and Mrs. M. F. Smith. During the evening the Girls' Branch of the Soldiers' Comforts Association did a thriving business in the sale of candy and refreshments.

# LEAGUE OF NATIONS AGAIN PROPOSED

French Deputy Urges President Wilson to Take Up Plans for Its Formation.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Writing to President Wilson on behalf of the League for the Rights of Man, Ferdinand Buisson, a radical Socialist deputy, asks that the president take the initiative for the immediate organization of the nucleus of a society of nations. Mr. Buisson urges the president to take up this subject with England, France and other Entente nations.

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