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### THE WAR SITUATION

The great battle in Flanders, which some of the reports declared was to be the greatest battle of the war, with the British driving steadily forward, has disappointed expectations. The fighting, after the first successful advance for a short distance, has settled down to the old business of attack and counter-attack here and there along the whole western front. The British and French have the best of it, but the change in relative position of the opposing armies is very slight. After long and patient preparation some ground is gained, after which there must be more patient preparation. The German line is still unbroken.

The situation in Roumania is again causing anxiety. The Roumanian and Russian forces are not holding their own. They are, however, fighting hard. Along the Russian front the situation shows very little change and it is clear that Germany's hope of putting Russia out of the war by one swift stroke is not to be realized. There appears to be a growing steadiness of purpose among the Russian people to uphold Premier Kerensky and remain in the war, and this would dash German hopes of releasing eastern armies for service on the western front. It is also reported that Austria refuses to withdraw any of her forces from the Italian front, and this if true will further embarrass the Germans.

The interesting news comes that additional Japanese naval units have joined the Allies in European waters. Will the time come when armies from Japan will also be brought into service? Japan is no doubt willing.

Another German air raid has levied its toll of death among women and children in an English town. The French do not submit as tamely as the English to this sort of warfare. Their airmen have dropped bombs on the German city of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, in retaliation for a German raid on Nancy. There is such a thing as being over-sympathetic in dealing with a tiger-nation, and the British may presently realize the fact.

Air fighting becomes more and more an important factor in the struggle on the western front, and the advantage is with the Allies. The sooner they are able to gain absolute supremacy in the air the earlier will they be able to drive the enemy out of France and Belgium.

**GROWING DESPERATE.**  
The toy press is already throwing out hints about dreadful things to happen if the life of parliament is not prolonged. The French do not submit as tamely as the English to this sort of warfare. Their airmen have dropped bombs on the German city of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, in retaliation for a German raid on Nancy. There is such a thing as being over-sympathetic in dealing with a tiger-nation, and the British may presently realize the fact.

### NO CAUSE FOR PANIC

Tories once burned the parliament buildings in Montreal. That city, with its very much mixed and somewhat turbulent population, has been the scene of many outbreaks such as would probably not occur in any other city in Canada. But Montreal is not Canada, and the people will not have their attention diverted from great national issues by what may happen in its war factories. We may well believe that there are gentlemen in Ottawa and elsewhere who would be willing to have the country fix its attention upon these matters rather than upon the record of the Borden government. Possibly there are some who would be willing to encourage riotous conduct in the hope that the smoke bombs would enable them to get away with the swag. The serious-minded people of the country, however, will not be swept off their feet by racial or religious prejudice, or the mad acts of fanatical partisans. They realize that the people of Canada must not only help to win the war but go on living together after the war. In the face of the bitterest controversy partisan zeal may provoke, and even in the face of riotous demonstrations they will keep the great issues clearly in mind, remembering that such ebullitions are short-lived, and that under the froth there must still remain the untroubled waters of national resolve, moving irresistibly onward to the haven of unity and peace. As sternly and steadily as the men in France traverse the field of No Man's Land, the Canadian people must go forward in the performance of their duty to save the country from dishonor abroad and the evils of lasting dissension at home. The Winnipeg convention has steadied the country. It has declared that unity can be preserved at any cost without impugning the honor of Canada abroad.

### GIVE THEM PLAYGROUNDS

The Montreal Gazette says: "The fighting spirit is a fine thing in its place, but it is strongly to be discouraged when it shows itself in the form of bands of small boys arming themselves with clubs and giving battle at night in the public thoroughfares in a densely-populated part of the city. Recently the police have had to suppress several such disturbances. The guardians of the youngsters should awake to their responsibility. Negligence in such a matter may easily prove costly to them and unfortunate for their young hopefuls. A spank in time may save a term in the reformatory."

The same issue of the Gazette contained a court report telling of numerous depredations committed by boys. Its suggestion that the guardians of the youngsters should awake to their responsibilities is quite proper, but also quite useless. There will be no such awakening. But if the rich business men of Montreal would take on the promotion of child-welfare as a diversion, and provide an abundance of playgrounds, with good surrounding influences, they would enjoy the experience, and at the same time direct the superabundant energies of the boys into healthy channels, training them for better team-work and better citizenship. There are so many careless or utterly irresponsible or bad guardians that society for its own protection must take up the task of keeping large numbers of young people in the right path and out of mischief.

The retirement of Mr. Arthur Henderson from the British war cabinet was made inevitable by his action in advocating the attendance of British Labor delegates at the Stockholm conference, when his colleagues in the cabinet opposed that course. He seems to have conveyed the impression on his return from Russia that the latter country approved of such a conference, but Mr. Lloyd George is advised that the Russian government is not favorable and he charges that Mr. Henderson failed to comply with his request to give information to the British labor conference. The incident is unfortunate, but the press reports say that it will not alter the attitude of labor generally, and Mr. Henderson himself says that he wants the war carried to a successful issue. In the meantime the German Socialist organ warns the British delegates to Stockholm that the British delegates will not tolerate any reflections on Germany in relation to the war. It is difficult to understand how any Englishman can have a desire to take part in any such conference.

The Liberals of the maritime provinces should now meet in convention and decide upon their policy and attitude in the coming campaign.

### HIS LATCH-KEY.

England, April 28, 1917.  
"I am sending you all my keys except the latch. That I will keep, so that some day, when I get leave, I may walk in on you unexpectedly, and give you a surprise."  
—In a letter from the Front, and long . . . long . . . long we waited for the sound that would tell us our signal was o'cr, and our hearts beat anxious no more—  
For that sweetest of sounds that could fall on the ear  
Of those who had lived on the knife-edge of fear,  
The sound of his key in the door,  
The sound of all sounds that could bring back life's cheer,  
And comfort our hearts that were sore,  
O, the ears of our soul strained as never before,  
For the sound that shall tell us our joy  
On the other side of the door,  
The sound of his key in the door.

And we said, "We shall know when our boy's on his way."  
And we said, "We shall know when he's here."  
His step we shall catch while it's still far away,  
And with it an end to our fear.  
"But" we said, "we will wait for his key."  
For the sound that shall tell us our joy  
On the other side of the door,  
For the joy of his rattle, so gallant and gay,  
As we've heard it so often of yore,  
O yes, we shall know when he reaches the door,  
For his guardian angel will fly on before  
To tell us he's on his way.  
And so we waited, by night and by day,  
For the sound that would tell us our joy  
On the other side of the door,  
But now . . . "All's Well" . . . but we're waiting no more  
For the sound of his key in the door,  
It lies with him there in his lowly grave,  
Out there at the Front, where his all he gave  
Our lives and the Soul of Life to save,  
And our hopeful vigil is o'er  
For now it is he who is waiting for us,  
On the other side of the door;  
And another stands with him there waiting for us,  
And the sound of OUR key in That Door.  
—JOHN OXENHAM.

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Mrs. Robinson—"Why not, my dear?"  
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that his own fat, easy industry is war itself, and that he may count his fatted cattle in the light of his stable lantern and go to bed a patriot; teaching all the professors, the chefs and the piano players, the actors and the buffoons, that in going on with their business they are aiding in the conduct of the war."

This, in a pamphlet circulated by the government, is putting, it so strongly, these one must expect the government to hesitate at no sort of measure that will improve matters. Accompanying the pamphlet, however, is a letter urging the recipient to get out and help on a farm—help a farmer presumably by holding the stable lantern while he counts his fatted cattle before retiring to a patriot's rest.

Either the government is about to take more energetic measures than it has ever been induced to promise publicly, or it is circulating pamphlets that arouse great expectations in that direction. There is a fervor in this pamphlet, an impatience with present conditions, and with governmental performance up to this time, which we wish we could feel possessed the souls and warmed the minds of the premier and Mr. McCann in the 25th Cavalry. The pamphlet has slipped through somehow.

## One Recruit For The Week-End

With recruiting practically at a standstill, only one man was secured by the recruiting authorities in St. John over the week-end. He is C. Muse, 62nd Overseas Draft. He is an American.

Mrs. Pearl McCann, Union street, yesterday received an official telegram from Ottawa informing her of the wounding of her husband, Sapper Thomas McCann, of the Railway Construction Corps. Sapper McCann enlisted in the 25th Railway Construction Battalion here last winter and was quickly drafted to the 22nd Battalion of the same service in France.

The telegram stated that he had received gunshot wounds in the left arm and leg and was at No 21 Casualty Clearing Station on Aug. 7. Further particulars will be sent when received.

**British Casualties.**  
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Brigadier-General Francis Johnson has been killed in action.

Hon. Arthur Agar Roberts, Grenadier Guards, wounded, is a son of Viscount Clifton.

**N. B. Casualties**  
**INFANTRY.**  
Killed in Action.  
F. A. Weidon, Greenwich (N. B.) Gassed.  
Corporal A. L. Stevens, River Glade (N. B.)  
K. S. Davis, St. John.  
Wounded.  
F. Barton, St. John.  
Wounded.  
Driver F. MacDonald, Southampton (N. B.)  
SERVILES.  
Wounded.  
Lieut. G. W. Jewett, Margerville (N. B.)  
Garbage Worth \$56,000,000.  
Hon. W. J. Hanna, Canadian Food Controller, calculates that food wasted in the garbage pails of Canada each year through carelessness and lack of kitchen economy amounts to \$56,000,000 per year, or about 87¢ per head of population.

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## VICTORIA CROSS IS WON BY GALLANT CANADIAN AIRMAN

London, Aug. 12.—The intrepidity of Captain William Bishop, a Canadian and a member of the Royal Flying Corps in attacking a German airman (single-handed), has been rewarded by the bestowal upon him of the Victoria Cross, the most prized of the British valor medals. The official Gazette gives the following resume of the action which brought Captain Bishop the Victoria Cross:

"Captain Bishop flew first to an enemy airfield, landing no enemy machine about 500 yards from the airfield, three miles distant, and about twelve miles inside the German lines. Seven machines, some with their engines running were on the ground. He attacked these from a height of fifty feet, killing one of the mechanics.

"One of the machines got off the ground, but Captain Bishop, to a height of sixty feet, fired fifteen rounds into it at close range, and it crashed to the ground. A second machine got off the ground, into which he fired thirty rounds at 150 yards. It fell into a tree. Two more machines rose from the airfield, one of which he engaged at a height of 1,000 feet, sending it crashing to the ground. He then emptied a whole drum of cartridges into the fourth hostile machine and flew back to his station.

"Four hostile scouts were 1,000 feet above him, for a mile during his return journey, but they did not attack. His machine was badly shot about by machine gun fire from the ground."

## MORE TETANUS GERMS

(Bangor Commercial)

Those who found it very difficult to believe the report that German agents have distributed court plagues with disease germs in the world, change their views now that more of the poisoned plaster has been found in Ohio. The letter is dated in Ohio, one of which he engaged at a height of 1,000 feet, sending it crashing to the ground. He then emptied a whole drum of cartridges into the fourth hostile machine and flew back to his station.

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