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(To Every Man His Own.)

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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**SOW MORE SEEDS**

WE are of the opinion that it  
is opportune for the Govern-  
ment to bestir themselves to  
meet the situation arising out of  
the soaring cost and growing scarcity  
of food products.

If they have any faith in the farm-  
ing possibilities of this country, now  
is their chance to show it, by induc-  
ing the people to pay more attention  
to the raising of garden and farm  
products. Daily the growing scarcity  
of farm products and the enhanced price  
of flour are making themselves felt.

People should be taught the value  
of every foot of soil that is capable  
of growing a potato. Let every en-  
couragement and every help be ex-  
tended to those who may have a plot  
of ground to sow. Should the war con-  
tinue for another year, as it is very  
likely to do, it is just as well, that we  
meet the situation by an effort to  
raise whatever roots or grain it is  
possible for us to raise. We depend  
too much upon flour, when potatoes  
should be made more of a staple than  
it is to-day. Peas and beans should be  
sown in every corner, for they serve  
as a very wholesome addition to our  
daily fare.

Soon we will have the spring and,  
therefore, it is time that a beginning  
be made to get the ear of the people,  
and to impress upon them the desir-  
ableness of cultivating every inch of  
spare ground next spring. A little  
seed dropped here and there and care-  
fully tended will mean much to the  
country, as it may be made to furnish  
fresh vegetables for the table through-  
out the summer, and many a dollar might  
be saved that now goes to the pur-  
chase of flour.

Nearly every house has a plot of  
ground in which something could be  
grown. But the main idea is to get  
the suburban people and the farmers  
to put forward an effort to grow just  
a little bit more, to plant more seeds  
and to clear more land.

Nobody can tell just how long this  
war may last. It is just as well then  
that we look the situation square in  
the face. We should put forward ev-  
ery effort to raise as much food for  
ourselves as we possibly can. The  
more potatoes and turnips and other  
vegetables we raise, the less flour we

will have to buy, and flour is soaring  
high just now and likely to go much  
higher. Should it by any means trans-  
pire that our markets be cut off, and  
our shipping idle, sunk or captured, it  
would be very comforting to know that  
we have enough food within our own  
borders to carry us along.

Flour may reach to ten dollars per  
barrel or even higher yet. In Canada,  
the farmers are in a peculiar position  
just now. On the one hand is the  
Militia Department saying to the  
young men, "Enlist, enlist," and on the  
other hand is the Agricultural Depart-  
ment which tells the young men that  
they can better serve the Empire by  
remaining on the farm. And to us  
this latter is the more sensible argu-  
ment. War cannot be fought unless  
the soldiers are fed, and who is to feed  
them if not the farmers, and non-  
combatants have a right to be fed as  
well as the fighters. After all the  
soldiers cannot go to war unless the  
producers who do not fight, keep up  
their producing. The farm hand and  
the factory hand is doing his share,  
for he must feed and pay the soldier,  
as well as clothe him and find him  
guns and gun-powder.

The soldiers are not doing it all.  
Millions are being spent on soldiers  
and guns and powder, while the  
countless thousands starve at home.

The soldier has something to cheer  
and urge him on, he has the excite-  
ment of the marches and the battles;  
the dreadful array of mighty hosts,  
with all their pomp and show. All  
these things appeal to human nature,  
and to the normal being are as a  
stimulus to brave deeds. Now, the  
people who stay at home have to foot  
the bills, have to toil and sweat to find  
powder for the soldiers to explode.  
The soldier is clothed, fed and trans-  
ported from place to place at the ex-  
pense of the people who stay at home.

This being so, and as we are forced  
to feed and clothe and pay the war-  
ring millions, it is the duty of the gov-  
ernment to help the people to a better  
way of providing for themselves, and  
the armies they are told it is their  
duty to maintain.

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**Wants To Arrange Tourney**

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—A number of followers  
of the good old English game of bil-  
liard's are trying to arrange a series  
club, and from what I learn, only one  
or two are holding back arrangements.  
Such an idea is very popular in the  
club-rooms at present, and a big pat-  
ronage is anticipated.

It has been suggested that the  
British Hall or T. A. Armory would  
be ideal places for such an event,  
which would create a great deal of  
interest and at the same time provide  
much amusement and also encourage  
the game in the various halls. I have  
been requested to drop you those few  
lines to get the thing going, as I be-  
lieve nearly every club in the city  
would be represented.  
The receipts would be large, and if

donated towards relief of those in  
need of assistance, would still be  
greater. In asking you, sir, for your  
support, I remain,

REST PLEASE.

**Famine Threatens Austrian Capital**

Vienna, via Rome, Feb. 19.—Vienna  
is seriously threatened with a bread  
famine owing to the increasing scar-  
city of flour. The so-called "war  
bread" is being sold at 20 cents a  
pound. Efforts of the Government to  
keep down the price have proven  
fruitless.

The price of beef has increased 50  
per cent, and is now beyond the reach  
of the poor, who are threatened with  
starvation unless the Government in-  
tervenes immediately.

**Ten Commandments—New Version**

Private Andrew W. Dickson, of the  
27th Field Butchery, A.S.C., writing  
from the front to a friend gives an  
amusing and original version of the  
soldiers' "ten commandments."

He says—"As I am not allowed to  
discuss the war, I send you a copy of  
the soldiers' ten commandments now  
in use on active service. They are as  
follows":—

1. When on guard thou wilt challenge  
all parties approaching thee.
2. Thou shalt not send any engraving,  
nor any likeness of any airship in  
heaven above, or any post card of  
the earth beneath, nor any drawing of  
any submarine under the sea, for I the  
Censor am a jealous Censor, visiting the  
iniquities of the offenders with three  
months' C.B., but showing mercy  
unto thousands by letting their  
letters go free, who keep my com-  
mandments.
3. Thou shalt not use profane lang-  
uage unless under extraordinary  
circumstances, such as seeing  
your comrade shot, or getting  
petrol in your tea.
4. Remember the soldiers' week con-  
sists of seven days. Six days  
shalt thou labour and do all thy  
work, and on the seventh do all  
the odd jobs.
5. Honour thy King and thy country.  
Keep your rifle well oiled and  
shoot straight, that thy days may  
be long upon the land which the  
enemy giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not steal thy comrade's  
kit.
7. Thou shalt not kill (time).
8. Thou shalt not adulterate thy mess  
tin by using it as a shaving jug,  
between three representatives of each  
regiment.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness  
against thy comrade; but pre-  
serve discreet silence on his out-  
goings and incomings.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy ser-  
geant's post, nor thy corporal's,  
nor the staff-major's, but do thy  
duty, and by dint of perseverance  
rise to the high position of Field-  
Marshal.

**20 Heroes Of Newfoundland Are Asleep in the Deep**

**BUT THEIR MEMORY SHALL NEVER DIE**

**"TOLL FOR THE BRAVE—THE BRAVE THAT ARE NO MORE."**

The latest reports to hand confirm the dreaded  
tidings that the Clan MacNaughton, converted  
British cruiser, has been lost with all hands.

The loss of this ship brings home to New-  
foundland, as did the loss of the Viknor, the ter-  
rible realities of war. Twenty of our brave men are  
known to have been among those who went down  
with the Clan MacNaughton, and to the relatives  
of these sturdy Sons of Terra Nova, we extend our  
most heartfelt sympathy.

They died in their glory, in defense of what  
they regarded as sacred honor, and they have won  
imperishable fame, and shed lustre on their Island  
Home, that they never more may see.

How they died whether by an act of the enemy  
or went down in a tempest is not known. It is like-  
ly that one of those secret mines, those deadly in-  
struments of destruction crossed their path and  
sent them to their sailors' bed of glory deep down  
among the corals and ooze.

Old ocean will wave her floral wreaths above  
their quiet resting place, and the winds will sigh  
along the deep, singing a glorious psalm of praise to  
the heroes that are gone, and Terra Nova will ever  
cherish green in the memory a recollection of her  
brave sons who died in the fight.

Requiescat in Pace.

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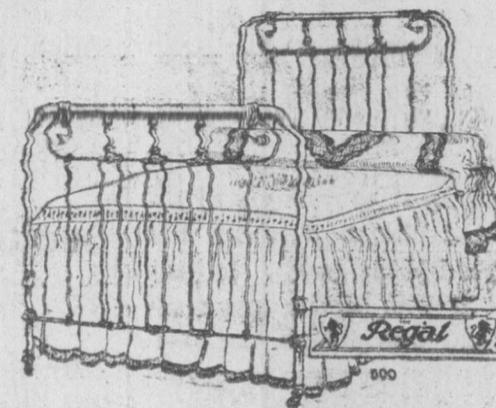
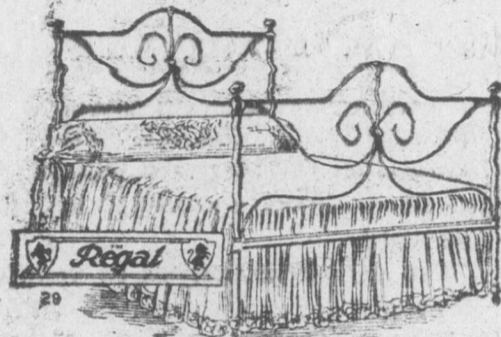
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