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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the 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.

#### THE AMERICAN SITUATION.

Whether the United States formally declares war on Germany before openly arraying herself with the Entente Allies and against the enemies of humanity, or whether she goes ahead with the work in hand and leaves the formal declaration for the special session of Congress on April 2nd, there is now no doubt of the position of the American nation. Except for the fact that her warships have not yet exchanged shots with the Germans, or her troops have not started for Europe, America, to all intents and purposes, is at war. The stand taken by the American government yesterday removes the last doubt as to that. American ships, armed to repel submarines, are now on their way across the ocean. When they reach the prohibited zone if they encounter a German submarine and the underwater craft has an opportunity, a torpedo will be launched against the Stars and Stripes and if it reaches its mark another American vessel may be added to those which have already fallen before the Hun water pirates. If, on the other hand, the American runners on any of the armed vessels sight the periscope of an enemy submarine they will fire on it, and as American naval gunners have shown themselves to be fairly proficient their shot will probably prove effective. In either case it will be war without a declaration and it is evident that America is now fully recognized to the fact.

It may be that the President may hesitate still longer before actually placing on record the fact that his nation is at war with the Huns. If an American vessel sinks an attacking submarine he may prefer to call it an act of defense, as it will be. But whatever he calls it the world will call it war, and history will so record it.

American aid will be very welcome to the Entente Allies. It is not at all likely that the United States will send troops to Europe. She does not need to. But her navy can do most valuable work in assisting to crush the submarine menace and her financial support will be of the greatest importance. While, officially, her entrance may be delayed until April 2nd, to all practical purposes she is already enrolled as our ally and is to be welcomed as such.

#### THE WAR LOAN A SUCCESS.

The third Canadian war loan has been oversubscribed to the extent of almost fifty per cent. Sir Thomas White called for \$150,000,000 and already subscriptions have been received for \$225,000,000. This is a showing on which Canada and Canadians should pride themselves as it illustrates first that the people of this country have every confidence in Canada and in the Government and secondly that there is no scarcity of money for the purposes of the Empire.

Since the war opened Canadian people have been given an opportunity of subscribing to three war loans. Each was larger than the one preceding it, but the larger the loan the more quickly was it taken up. The money subscribed will, in a very large measure, be again placed in circulation in Canada in the form of payments for war materials and munitions. In that way it will return to swell the total of Canada's business and to benefit the Canadian people.

The Canadian people and the Finance Minister are to be heartily congratulated upon the success which has attended this, Canada's third and most ambitious attempt at war financing.

#### WAR COMMENT.

Good news comes this morning from all the war fronts. The gallant French army, in contact with the enemy in front of the gates of St. Quentin, has scored a considerable initial success and have driven the Germans back to a depth of one and one half to two miles. The British troops on the western front, while not so heavily engaged and hampered by bad weather, have held their own against Hun attacks, while the Russians have progressed in Persia and have been successful in their operations on the Caucasian border.

Of course the western front is the centre of interest and it is likely that the battle which now, in its first stage, has turned to the advantage of the Allies will prove one of the greatest of the war.

It is not well, however, to become unduly optimistic over the situation and regard the war as about over, for it should not be forgotten that in falling back the Germans are retreating upon positions which they probably have carefully prepared and that

### CHEERFUL AND ALWAYS WITH A SMILE

Miss Florence Armstrong says wounded soldiers in Hospital are the Best Ever—Has Been Over Two Years at the Work and is Going Back.

Two interesting visitors reached the city last night in the persons of nursing sisters Florence M. Armstrong and Joyce T. Wishart of this city. Both have been over two years at the work of nursing the sick and wounded here and of this awful war were raising on the battle fields of France and Flanders. Miss Wishart was not feeling well when they arrived and will in all probability be in the city for some time, but Miss Armstrong is only paying a flying visit to her home just as she expressed it, to see if St. John was still in the same place, and will leave again tonight to return to her beloved work of nursing wounded Tommies.

When a Standard representative called last night to interview Miss Armstrong she was told "nothing doing" she had come over on a hospital ship as one of the nurses to care for the more than 500 wounded and sick soldiers who returned on her, and had taken advantage of the opportunity to pay a short visit to her home in St. John. She claimed that she had nothing of interest to tell, but was assured that everything that pertained to the life of the brave boys who were giving of their best in defense of the Empire and the cause of right was of interest to the people of this country.

Asked how she liked her work, Miss Armstrong grew very enthusiastic and said it was the greatest work of her life and she just loved it. She paid a wonderful tribute to the way the boys bore up under their sufferings in the hospitals and said that it seemed the worse they were hurt the more cheerful and smiling they were, and declared that they were "the best boys she had ever seen."

She had nursed the colonials and the British Tommies and they were all alike in this respect, they never crumbled or found fault and it was indeed a pleasure to wait on them and do everything in one's power to alleviate their sufferings.

Miss Armstrong was for some time stationed at No. 1 Canadian General Hospital (Dr. MacLaren's) at Etaples, and had with her there a number of St. John nurses.

About a year ago she and Miss Wishart were transferred to Hantsport, where they were stationed at the Convalescent Hospital at Bushey Park to which she expects to return in a short time.

While in England Hon. J. D. Hasen visited this hospital and Miss Armstrong had the pleasure of an interview with him.

About a month ago Miss Armstrong saw Col. MacLaren, who has made a great name for himself, first, for the manner in which he conducted No. 1 General at Etaples, and which he has enhanced since his promotion to his present position in London.

The trip out was very rough and disagreeable and most of the passengers were sick for nearly the entire voyage. They had fourteen cot cases and a number of men who had been gassed and in consequence contracted that dread disease, tuberculosis.

Miss Armstrong will leave tonight in the late train on her return journey to the work which has made such an appeal to her and will carry on until the end of the war if she is granted her health and strength.

#### THE WOODEN SHIP.

In connection with the proposal to establish in this city a \$1,000,000 plant for the building of wooden—and eventually steel—ships, the following from the London, Ont. Free Press will be of interest:

"The futility of the German submarine policy to achieve its ends promises to be defeated even upon the calculations of the German Admiralty, because the admiralty left the wooden ship out of these calculations. German estimates were based upon the number of steel ships in service and the possibility that submarines could sink a million tons of this shipping per month. The replacement of the steel ships within the required time, before the submarines could effect their purpose, was deemed impossible.

"Whether these estimates would have attained their end may still be a subject in dispute at Berlin. But the wooden ship enters upon the scene as a disturbing factor quite unlooked for. And the provoking thing—from the German viewpoint—about these wooden vessels is that British shipbuilders have hit upon a plan of standardization in their construction and have resolved to make them just big enough to be seaworthy. This means that the output of such ships will be enormous, once the yards get under way.

"The manner in which Great Britain and her friends may quickly add to the available tonnage by the use of the small vessel has another disadvantage for the submarine. The little ships are not so easily discernible. They provide a smaller target when they are discovered. If they are armed they require that the submarine shall steal up on them, which is much more hazardous and difficult than where the ship is of great bulk. Either this or they must use shell fire, in which event the little armed merchantmen would have an equal chance of sinking the submarine.

"American shipbuilders have been in action at Washington, in response to the summons of the government, and plans are being matured whereby American shipyards will be extended for the production of this class of wooden ships. Naturally the output of such ships can be speeded up enormously. The wood is available in great quantities. Labor is abundant. If paid the price, Capital is ready. Government assistance will, if necessary, stand at the back of the enterprise. Sixty-eight wooden vessels are now under construction on the Pacific coast, each with a 1,000-ton capacity. The sinking of these alone would provide the submarines with two or three weeks of the busiest effort. Twenty-five more such ships are building in British Columbia, thirty-five at Yarmouth, N. S., and many more on both shores of the Great Lakes."

### LITTLE FISHES BOILED IN OIL

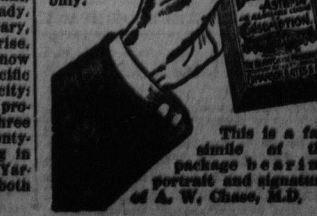
Something About the Important Sardine Industry and the Weirmen's Association in St. John and Charlotte.

The approach of Spring means busy times for weirmen and men who follow the sardine industry. The waters along the shores of St. John and Charlotte counties. In New Brunswick.

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### Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPER

This afternoon in school Miss Kitty, being our teacher, said, Does any one in the class know what a simily is?

Well, nobody did, and Miss Kitty said, Then I'll tell you. The mussels on his heavy arms were strong as iron bands, now that a simily because it compares 2 objects, mussels and iron bands, by means of the word, as, now suppose I wanted a simily for eyes, suppose I was a poet and I wanted to say, Her eyes were as black as so and so, now who can finish the simily for me?

With a will Leroy Shooter raised his hand and Miss Kitty said, Yes, Leroy?

Her eyes were as black as a coal mans face, and Leroy Shooter. Well, that's a simily, but if I was a poet I wouldn't want to put it in a poem, said Miss Kitty, now who else can finish the simily? Well, Samuel?

Her eyes were as black as a coal mans towel after using, said Sam Cross.

Now I want coal men left out entirely, they are all rite in their place, but they dont belong in similies, said Miss Kitty, well, Benny?

Her eyes were as black as the end of a dunces nose, I said.

Now is that a pretty thawl, all who think Benny's simily a pretty thawl, will please raise their hands, said Miss Kitty.

With almost everybody raised their hands, and Miss Kitty said, Let us pass to the joggerty lesson.

With we did.

There are a number of ways of taking the fish. Invested capital is mainly in weirs. The Weirmen's Association of St. John and Charlotte was organized for the protection of this capital and without antagonizing the packers in this great industry. G. M. Frauley is president.

Dr. Vanwart of Fredericton was in the city yesterday attending the Council of Physicians and Surgeons.

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