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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.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY.

The capture of the town of Albert by the British troops, was the outstanding feature of yesterday's operations on the western front. Albert, which is northeast of Amiens on the Ancre river, fell into the hands of the Germans many months ago and since then has been the scene of much heavy fighting. It is an important railway junction point and its capture places in possession of the Allies the hinge to the whole position in that sector.

While the British were scoring the success referred to, the French, operating further south, gained a number of villages and caused the Hun to accelerate their retreat. In the fight the Germans are abandoning much valuable war material and it is reported that more than 200 cannon have been taken during the past two days. Humbert and Mangin, in command of the two French armies facing the enemy are pressing their successes home and it is now regarded as a certainty that the foe will be unable to make a sustained stand at any point within the present fighting area.

IN CARLETON COUNTY.

The United Farmers of Carleton County are to be congratulated on their decision not to run a candidate against the old political parties if a provincial bye-election is held in that county during the life of the present legislature. There is no real necessity for a special farmers' candidate in Carleton, or any other county. If the electors engaged in the great agricultural industry feel they need representation in the legislature that representation can be secured by nominating farmers as candidates of existing parties. The Parliamentary Companion, in its list of the members of the present legislature, classifies five of them as farmers while a sixth is a director of a farming and fruit company. This, out of a house of forty-eight members, is about one to eight, and does not show that in the past the farmers of the province have been very keen for special representation in the legislative halls.

The situation in Carleton was especially complicated by the replies made to the farmers by representatives of the provincial government party, who said they would support a farmers' candidate if he in turn promised to give independent support to the government. Obviously no such arrangement could agree to no such arrangement and properly confined its reply to a promise to submit the name of the farmers' candidate to a party convention and if it was ratified he would receive the party support. This situation has been cleared by the action of the United Farmers themselves.

PRINCE ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

Citizens of St. John will have an opportunity today not often accorded to them, that of extending a loyal welcome to a Prince of the blood royal in the person of Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, grandson of Queen Victoria the Good, nephew of King Edward VII, and first cousin of the present King of England, His Majesty George V.

Prince Arthur of Connaught comes to Canada fresh from an important and honorable mission to the Court of Japan. He has also seen service in the present war and bears wounds suffered in action. For a time he was on the staff of General Alderson, when that officer commanded the Canadian forces overseas, and in that position won the affection of all soldiers.

In this connection a story is told of Prince Arthur's introduction to the Canadian troops. It happened near a town in France where the Canadians were stationed. General Alderson addressed the troops and at the conclusion of his remarks introduced Prince Arthur with the words: "He doesn't look like a prince but he is a good fellow," and Arthur of Connaught, mounted on an army transport wagon, amply justified the introduction.

Prince Arthur's visit to St. John is merely an incident in connection with his Canadian tour. He will arrive in the city this afternoon at three o'clock and will spend an hour or so here. But in that brief time he will have an opportunity of forming some opinion of the city and its people. The nature of his reception should be such as to make it certain that that opinion will be favorable. Every flag-pole today should bear a flag. Let our royal visitor see on every side the emblem of that Empire for which he has already shed his blood. And let the people cheer as they have not cheered since the early days of the war. Let the eyes and ears of Arthur of Connaught tell him that the great heart of the City of the Loyals beats true.

THE PREMIER IN ENGLAND.

Those little Canadians who have indulged in criticism of Sir Robert L. Borden because he has spent much time in the Motherland in attendance upon the important occasions of the war cabinet, will doubtless read with interest the opinion of the London Times upon the work and achievements of the Canadian premier. That newspaper holds the opinion that Sir Robert's visit to England has been of immense benefit to Canada and to the Empire.

an open grate. A larger quantity of the shale is now to be brought to the city and a thorough test made of its capabilities. The result will be awaited with interest.

It is most encouraging to learn that the wheat acreage of the province this year is much larger than in past years and that the crop promises well. New Brunswick will never be a great wheat raising country but if we can grow sufficient for our own needs until such time as the production of the west can once more be moved along its normal channels it will be an achievement worth while.

The son of the Earl of Minto is coming to Canada as a member of the Duke of Devonshire's staff. In his duties he will have a distinct advantage in the fact that Canadians have many pleasant memories of his kindly, gracious and tactful parents who formerly reigned at Rideau Hall.

Tomorrow afternoon the War Fund, the second vessel to be built in this city since the revival of shipbuilding, will take the water. There will be earnest hope that her career will be more successful than that of the unfortunate Dorofonteln.

The barbers are talking of increasing the price of haircuts to one dollar. The bowl and the household shears of our forefathers may once more come into general use. And every bald headed man will become a noted economist.

Prince Arthur of Connaught is very welcome to St. John.

THAT "HUNGER STONE"

(Brooklyn Eagle.)

Two bridges cross the Elbe from Tetschen to Bodenbach—the river is about the width of the Passaic at Passaic Bridge, but not so mild—and when the water is low the chain bridge is crossed all day with superstitious people, mostly women, dating into the stream below to detect, if possible, a flat white boulder in midstream. They seek what they don't want to behold upon this rock, during the terrible famine of 1785, when half the population of the town died of starvation, an illiterate stone mason carved, in a mixture of Polish and Bohemian, the legend: "When you see me, then weep."

Although the big flat-top rock is visible nearly every August during the season of drought, the good women of Tetschen are always able to find something to grieve over. They take satisfaction in ascribing their misfortunes to the exposed tablet.

From generation to generation an "Old mortality" re-cuts the inscription during low water, while a throng of muttering, superstitious women watch him from the Elbe-Quai, or of later years from the railway bridge.

Belief that dire famine or pestilence threatens whenever the boulder is exposed has caused the rock to be regarded as an evil omen through out Bohemia and the adjacent German kingdom of Saxony. It is universally spoken of as "the hunger stone." Curiously, the Elbe ran flood the entire summer of 1914, and there has not been low water in any season since the war began, and now. This renders the Bohemians more sure of impending calamity.

The proprietor of the Hotel Ulrich will shake his head when asked about "the hunger stone," and assure you that the omen never fails. Tetschen is only thirty-eight miles southeast of Dresden.

Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary would be a clever thing if he had a dam built somewhere in the mountains, from which he could feed water in the very dry seasons and always keep hidden the "hunger rock" at Tetschen. Upon the most conspicuous of these mountains, the removal of any one of them would be wise.

A few days ago the Associated Press wires carried briefly the announcement that a dam had been built in the Elbe River, at Tetschen, Bohemia, is exposed. This stone is covered by water in the ordinary stage of the river, and its exposure is believed to herald a season of drought and consequent famine.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE RETIREMENT.

Farewell, thou busy world, and may we never meet again; Here I can eat, and sleep, and pray, And do more good in one short day, Than he who in whole age outwears Upon the most conspicuous of theatres, Where nought but vanity and vice appear.

Dear solitude, the soul's best friend, That man's unaided with himself doth shake, And all his Maker's wonders to in-end, With thee I here converse at will, And would be glad to do so still; For 'tis thine alone that keep'st the soul awake.

How calm and quiet a delight Is solitude, and meditate, and write, By one offended, and offending none! To walk, ride, sit, or sleep at one's own ease; And pleasing a man's self, none other to displease.

Lord! would men let me alone, What an over-happy one Should I think myself to be— Might I in this desert place, (Which most men in discourse disgrace.) Live but undisturbed and free! Here, in this desolate recess, Would I, maugre Winter's cold, And the Summer's worst excess, Try to live out to sixty full years old; And, all the while, Without an eyelid's eye, On any thriving under Fortune's smile, Contented live, and then contented die.

—Charles Cotton.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Pop was in the setting room trying to think, rinking his forehead and squinting his eyes and scratching his head, and I started to wonder what time it was, saying, Pop, what time is it by your watch?

Huh? said Pop. And he took out his watch and looked at it and put it back in his pocket without saying what time it was, and pritty soon I sed, What time is it, pop?

Huh? What? I just got finished telling you, didnt I? sed pop. No sir, you looked but you didnt tell me, And he took his watch out agin, saying, Confound it, Im trying to think, its 5 minutes to 8.

Yes sir, I sed, Jest wanting to know on account of wondering, and I went out in the hall and set down on the top step, and ma came out of her room in a hurry with her hat on, saying, Goodness, I hope Im not late, I wonder what time it is.

Pops in the setting room, ma, why dont you ask him? I sed, And ma stuck her head in the setting room door, saying, Willyum, whats the time?

Time to let a man try to think, for the love of Peet, sed pop. And he pulled his watch out agin, saying, 2 minutes to 8.

Its the best time I have tonite, blast it all, how can a man think? sed pop. And he kept on trying, and ma quick went down stairs still saying, 2 minutes to 8. And pritty soon the front door opened and my sister Gladys came in saying, Whose that up there, is that you Benny? Did Mr. Parkins telephone yet? and I sed, No, and she started to come upstairs, saying, He sed he would call up before quarter after 8.

Gladys stuck her head in the setting room door, saying, Father, what time is it?

Holey jinking cats, wat is this, a family habit? sed pop. I only asked you what time it is, I dont see anything so dreadful about that, you dont haf to tell me if you dont want to, Im sure sed Gladys.

One minute after 8, a mans got a fat chance to think around hear, I must say, sed pop.

Well would you look at the little man setting on the top step all by hisself wondering what time it is, Ill soon find out for you, my harty, sed Nora.

And she stuck her head in the setting room door, saying, Mr. Potts, sir, whats the time, Benny wants to know, bless his little hart.

And his confounded impudens, you meen, wats he is, wats he is? sed pop, mad as anything.

Which I was jest closing the front door on my way out.

Unique, Lyric and Queen Square havs generously thrown open their doors to the boys for today and the medal will be his pass to any of these houses this afternoon or evening.

The programme for this afternoon is as follows: address, Mayor Hayes who will act as chairman; address, Premier Foster; presentation of medals by Gen. Macdonnell.

Sixty-nine boys have qualified in the St. John district. The names are: Douglas Clark, Thomas G. Manning, Ronald McArthur, Louis Cohen, Fred Fitzgarry, Frank Mullin, Louis Murray, Dan Keane, Louis Murphy, Fred Morris, Leonard Upton, Jack Hayes, Michael Crilly, Harry Conlon, Addy Galley, Norman Galey, Edward Hayes, David Lenz, Roy Duffy, George Barnes, Harry Coleman, Stanley Clark, Kenneth Craft, Charles Allaby, George Bowyer, Fletcher Kirk, O. J. Pederson, Joseph Taylor, Seldon Miller, Donald Robertson, Francis Swanton, Fred Trifts, William Warwick, K. B. Waters, Hazen O'Dell, Clarence Earle, Walter Writers, Stanley Bolding, Harry Mauch, Harold Armstrong, Henry Cowan, Peter Laylor, Oswald Clayton, James Stevens, Waldo Watson, Roscoe G. Armstrong, Laurence Bradshaw, Sterling Bradshaw, James Bullock, Charles Olney, Harold R. Dean, George Ingraham, Ray B. McAloney, Vincent M. Carthy, James McGrath, Roy Osborne, Felix Quinlan, William E. Quinlan, Carman Shephard, Herbert Shephard, Theodore Shephard, Roy Shephard, J. Roy Wallace, John DeWolf, Walter Waters, Carleton F. Smith, Cecil London, Melvin Hovey, Ralph Hovey.

From signed statement of Miss Lorena Kennedy, R. R. 1, Williams-town, Ont., March 7, 1917.

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The boys will meet at the Great War Veterans' Home at half past one this afternoon where they will form up and march to the King Square and after the presentation of the medals will have a good view of the later proceedings when the address is presented to H. R. H. Prince Arthur.

Repris sent in by the supervisors show that in nearly every case the boys made good and had been real help to the farmers during the time they were on the farms and out of the seven hundred and twenty-one boys placed only a few complaints had been received from the farmers. On the other hand the farmers had used the boys well and only one case had arisen where it had been found necessary to take the boy away from a farm.

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