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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.

PANIC IN GERMANY.

That the civilian population of Germany is becoming almost panic-stricken as the result of continued Allied successes is demonstrated by many incidents which, while of minor importance individually, in the mass provide evidence that cannot be overlooked. Von Hindenburg, himself, has taken cognizance of this condition for he has issued a proclamation warning the German people not to be alarmed by printed matter containing "most insane rumors" which Entente agents have circulated throughout Switzerland and Denmark and which have spread from those countries well through the whole of Germany. These circulars Hindenburg terms "poisoned scraps of paper," designed to provoke dissension and disunion among the German people.

At almost the same time General von Linsingen, governor of Brandenburg Province, has published a decree placing Berlin and the Province of Brandenburg "under the law relating to a state of siege, which provides for a fine or imprisonment for persons inventing or circulating untrue rumors calculated to discredit the people." Accompanying the decree is a notice which complains of certain "frivolous and sometimes malevolent and traitorous gossip, exaggerating the transitory success of the enemy, and casting doubt upon Germany's power for an economic resistance, and deprecating the wonderful achievements of the German troops, who are victoriously withstanding the enemy."

Hindenburg and Ludendorff have also given interviews to the newspapers of Vienna in which they emphasize the fact that the war is still on French soil, that Germany has not been invaded and the horrors of the conflict have been kept "away from home territory" while there is yet time. The Allies are gradually drawing nearer to the German border while the fine army of General Pershing is about ready to commence its Victory drive through Alsace and Lorraine. Soon the bitterness of war will be carried home to the cities, towns and villages of Germany. Then it will require a more powerful agent than interviews and proclamations from beaten German leaders to quell what may prove a panic that will end in revolution and bloodshed. Germany has sown the wind; she is about to reap the whirlwind and harvest time is almost at hand.

AN AMERICAN WAR TAX.

Those who have been inclined to think that the profits and income tax levied by the Canadian Government as a war measure is excessive have cause to congratulate themselves that their lines have not been cast south of the international border, for the greatest tax measure known to history has just been introduced in the United States House of Representatives.

This tax provides for a revenue of \$8,012,792,000, as compared with \$3,941,633,000 one year ago. From taxes on excess profits the United States expects to get \$2,100,000,000; from individual incomes, \$1,482,186,000, and from the incomes of corporations, \$285,000,000. Upon incomes of from \$2,000 to \$4,000 the tax is trebled as compared with last year, and nearly trebled on incomes from \$4,000 up to \$10,000. From \$10,000 to \$50,000 it is doubled and on all incomes in excess of the latter figure there is a great increase.

Comparison of the income tax in the United States with the same tax in Canada shows that in the United States the tax upon an income of \$3,000 is \$60, while in Canada it is but \$20; upon incomes of \$5,000 the taxes are \$180 and \$140, respectively; upon \$10,000 they are \$345 and \$392, respectively; upon \$20,000 they are \$2,395 and \$1,246, respectively; upon \$50,000 they are \$5,782 and \$3,100, respectively; upon \$100,000 they are \$11,564 and \$6,200, respectively; upon \$200,000 they are \$23,128 and \$12,400, respectively. These figures refer only to the incomes of married persons.

In the tax upon excess profits the United States proposes to take eighty per cent. of all profits in excess of the rate of profit earned by the firm prior to the war and will also take a percentage of all profits over eight per cent., beginning with a 25 per cent. tax upon profits from eight to fifteen per cent., and increasing proportionately as the profits exceed the latter figure. Taxes upon luxuries will be increased and there will also be an estate tax, which, in Canada, is collected by the provincial governments under the head of succession duties.

For the United States bill it is claimed that it places the whole burden of war taxation upon the shoulders of those best able to bear it and that

every man will pay according to his ability as gauged by his wealth and earning power. It is thought the measure, in the United States as well as Canada, will continue only until the sums required for war purposes have been raised. Probably this will be the Canadian practice as well but even at that it is likely to be some years before those fortunate ones whose incomes place them within the limit of taxable citizens are relieved of the necessity of contributing directly to the revenue of the country.

A MOTORLESS SUNDAY.

That it is necessary to save gasoline and to that end to reduce or eliminate the amount of pleasure driving of automobiles and motor boats is the decision arrived at by the Canadian Fuel Controller.

Some few weeks ago the United States controller came to a similar point of view and as a result the pleasure driving of automobiles on Sundays has been placed under the ban. It is estimated the change will effect a great saving in gasoline and, as forecasted in The Standard on that occasion, Canadian officials have decided they cannot do better than follow the American precedent. Consequently Sunday, September 15th, has been set apart as the first of the "joy-riders' Sundays." It is estimated that if motoring in Canada on Sunday next is reduced to necessary errands not less than \$150,000 can be saved and the wealth of the people increased by that amount.

As yet the plan to save gasoline is but an experiment but it is worth a trial and if it works out as expected patriotic Canadians might well make a permanent sacrifice of their Sunday motor trips. Not only would gasoline be saved if this practice became general but there would be less wear and tear on motor vehicles, and we might expect an increase in church attendance and a consequent swelling of the treasuries, all worthy causes, in the interests of which a few hours of pleasure might well be given up. The plan of a motorless Sunday has much to commend it.

"PARTISAN HUMBUG."

The vagaries of the Moncton Transcript are fairly well understood in this province and it is conceded that the editor of that paper, while often erratic, is generally harmless and not to be taken seriously. But, in the case of the Transcript, distance seems to add to the importance of Br'er Hawke's pronouncements and the Ottawa Journal, under the words quoted in the heading of this article, reproduces a paragraph from the columns of the Moncton Philosopher and comments upon it in straight-from-the-shoulder fashion.

The Transcript said: "Sir Robert Borden has arrived safely home, but the Nova Scotia fishing fleet has not. Had Laurier's naval policy of building a fleet of light and fast destroyers and cruisers been carried out, the Nova Scotia fishing fleet would probably today be playing its trade safely upon the waters of the banks."

Upon which pure patriotic thought the Journal comments in this wise: "All of which is pure, unalloyed humbug. The United States has a fleet of all kinds of naval vessels, including fast destroyers and cruisers, and only a part of it is in European waters, but more American fishing vessels and other ships have been sunk off the American coast than Canadian ships off the Canadian coast. A Canadian fleet would not be more effective in protecting Canadian fishing vessels than is the great fleet of the United States in guarding American fishermen."

"The Moncton Transcript should keep grief over the misfortune of Canadian fishing vessels separate from its partisan venom. The two don't mix as well as it thinks they do."

A BIT OF VERSE.

ONLY A GRAVE IN FLANDERS.

Only a grave in Flanders,
Just a few square feet of ground;
Yet my dearest treasure is buried
In that little upturned mound.

Although he was only a private,
In the eyes of the world so small,
Yet he was my son, my only son,
My life, my hope, my all!

When all alone, I love to dream
Of the golden days gone by;
And the happy times we used to have,
My little son and I.

While yet a lad, so very young,
He responded to my call;
He went to fight for God and right,
To never let the old flag fall.

But oh, the grief and sorrow
Of that fond and last embrace!
Even yet I can see his pain-stricken eyes,
The sorrowful look on his face.

"Be brave, dear mother," I hear him breathe,
"Think of me while I'm away;
And the God who watches o'er us both
Will bring me safe home some day."

As I went about my daily tasks,
For him my heart did yearn;
I ever prayed that God would grant
My loved one a safe return.

One day there came a message,
"Killed in action," it read;
And oh, my heart with pain was numb
When I heard my boy was dead!

Only a grave in Flanders,
With poppies blooming near,
And a wooden cross to mark the place;
But only his body lies here;

For his spirit has gone to heaven,
And when my life's work is o'er,
I know I'll meet my son again,
On that Eternal Shore.

Barrie, July 27. —D. M. H.

A BIT OF FUN

Her Comeback.
He (savage)—"Bah! It's no use arguing with a fool."
She (sweetly)—"But I wasn't arguing with you, dear—Hamilton Times."

Efficiency.
"Oh, Bobby! Just look at what the puppy has done to this room!"
"Isn't it wonderful, mama! And in less than five minutes!"—Life.

Matrimonial Alterations.
"Agnes married a self-made man, didn't she?"
"Yes, but she has compelled him to make extensive alterations."—Boston Transcript.

A Pardonable Error.
The millionaire, whose wife had recently died, walked through the general office to his private room. While so doing, something caught his eye, and he called the manager.

"Wilson, I am very glad to see you sympathizing with me in my recent loss by decorating the office with a little crepe," he said, pointing in the direction of a black piece of cloth hanging on the wall.

The manager looked dumbfounded.
"Crepe, sir? Crepe! That's not crepe; it's the office boy's towel!"—Life.

Regulation vs. Reputation.
"What became of Plute Pete," asked the visitor at Crampton Gulch.
"He joined the army," answered Broomey Bob.

"Thought he was too old to fight," he was. But he was such a fighter that nobody dared tell him so."—Washington Star.

DEPOT BATTALION COMES TO ST. JOHN

Lieut. Roxborough Promoted To Rank of Captain—Major Mersereau Struck Off Strength.

Lieut. E. S. Roxborough has been promoted to the rank of captain in the depot battalion, as contained in recent military orders. Major F. H. Mersereau, formerly of the 23rd "Sir Sam's Own," under command of Col. P. A. Guthrie, Fredrickton, has been struck off the strength, according to recent notices received at headquarters.

The depot battalion, now stationed in Sussex, will winter in St. John this coming winter is the advice from official channels. The above announcement is a welcome one indeed, as many of the boys have their homes here and others are favorably known, as many spent the previous winter in this city.

REAL ESTATE NEWS
Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County.
Heirs of W. E. Campbell to Mary E. Campbell, property in Leinster street.
Christie A. Campbell et al to Mary E. Campbell, property in Leinster street.

Helen B. Connor et al to Laura L. Mayes, property in Dufferin Row.
Mary E. Higgins to J. M. Belyea, property in Princess street.

Mary A. Morgan to A. L. Belyea, property in Leinster street.
Jennie Parker to Gladys Parker et al property in Queen street.

Margaret Stachhouse, to J. W. Spragg, property in Loch Lomond, Kings County.

Robert Alton to Farm Settlement Board, property in Sussex.

Bernard Boyle to A. J. O'Connor, property in Waterford.

James Douglas to Rufus Peters, property in Sussex.

S. S. King to Ella L. Caunders, property in Kingston.

B. N. Peters to S. A. Scott, property in Sussex.

S. A. Scott to J. S. Prescott, property in Sussex.

Dionys Synod to H. E. Doull, property in Cardwell.

Frank Saunders to Edward McAfee, property in Rothesay.

A Serious Matter

There is a delicacy about mentioning piles. And yet so many suffer needlessly who could be really relieved and cured if they only knew about Dr. Chase's Ointment.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

My sister Gladis was reading a book and eating chocklits out of a box, and I watched her a while without asking her for any on account of her being kind of mad at me for getting up at 5 o'clock this morning and yelling FIRE, fire, outside of her door on account of not knowing what else to do. And after a while I saw, O well, G, she can't no more than say no. And I sed, Wat kind are they, Gladis, chocklits, Gladis?

It doesn't make the slightest particle of difference in your young life wat kind they are, sed Gladis. Meaning she wasnt going to give me any weather I asked for some or not, on account of still being mad.

I wouldnt take your old chocklits for a gift if they was offered to me on a silver tray with a gold lining, I sed.

I have on, sed Gladis. And she kept on eating them and reading, and I kep on watching her on account of thinking maybe she would go out of the room maybe and forget to take the chocklits. And pritty soon the telephone rang downstairs, and Ma called up, Gladis, telephone, and Gladis got up and went down, taking the chocklits with her, and I thart, Wat do I care, I'll get even with her, I'll look and see how her book ends, and tell her, and that will make her mad, all rite, because she ain't hardly up to the middle of it yet.

And I quick went over and picked up the book and looked at the end of the last page, wich it sed on it. And Jack gathered her up in his strong arms, and she closed her bewtiful eyes, for her dream had come true.

G, they're going to get married I sed. And when Gladis came back I sed, Hurray, Jack gathered her up in his strong arms.

Aren't you well? sed Gladis, and I sed, 3 cheers, her dream had come true I sed, and Gladis sed, Tell me something I dont know, do you suppose I would of started the book in the first place if I didnt know how it was going to end?

Aw heck, I sed. And I went out to look for the fellows.

BEER TAX LOSS IN U. S. \$8,000,000,000

Public Will Have To Stand For Cutting Off of Brewers Supplies.

Washington, Sept. 10.—The nation faces a consumption tax on table necessities or import taxes on coffee, tea, cocoa and sugar, as well as other articles to make up for the loss under the \$3,000,000,000 revenue bill caused by the ban on the manufacture of beer on December 1. This situation seems inevitable, in the opinion of members of the Ways and Means Committee. Representative Kitchen, chairman of the committee, during discussion of the bill, admitted that other sources of revenue would have to be found next year to replace the losses in beer taxes.

It is estimated that the new sources of revenue to the amount of \$300,000,000 or \$400,000,000 must be found as a substitute for the taxes on beer.

THE SUPREME COURT

Fredrickton, Sept. 10.—At the supreme court this morning Chief Justice Hazen and Justices White and Grimmer were in attendance. In ex parte assessors, Parish of Rothesay, Judge John setting aside assessments against General H. McLean on personal property. The court considered the case of Clements & Peabody v. Richard was set down for argument on the 20th inst.

Mrs. Lella Scott, wife of Gordon Scott, died here last night, this morning after a lingering illness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cole Kitchen and was married two years ago. She was a graduate nurse. Besides her husband she is survived by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

WOODSTOCK WEDDING

Woodstock, Sept. 10.—At 4:30 o'clock this morning in St. Gertrude's Church, Rev. John J. Ryan united in marriage James Daley, of Elgin, Albert Co., now of Fredrickton, and Miss Jessie, daughter of Mrs. John McMullin and the late James B. McEneaney. The bride looked charming in a navy blue suit, with hat to match, and was attended by had a sumptuous breakfast at the supported the groom.

After the ceremony the bride party parte assessors, Parish of Rothesay, bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Daley took the Valley Railway train to Fredrickton, where they will make their future home.

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