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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.

### ST. JOHN AND THE TROOPS.

Up to last midnight Mayor Frink had received from military officials in Halifax no satisfactory reply to his telegram in reference to the reported statement of General Benson that accommodation here was not sufficient for the men of the 140th Battalion. It was intimated that an officer would be sent here to make an inspection of the facilities available. All the information such an officer could obtain is already in the hands of the Militia Department authorities at Ottawa and it is presumed, the Halifax officers have been advised just how many troops can be looked after here. Therefore, to send another officer from the sister city to secure information already in the possession of his superiors appears to be rather a work of supererogation.

It is eminently right and proper that the Halifax authorities should make very certain that, before troops are quartered at any point in this military district, the accommodation available should be of such a class that the efficiency of the units should not be impaired. St. John recognizes that. It is also advisable that, in selecting a point where troops shall be wintered, chief consideration must be given to the interests of the men themselves. St. John also recognizes that. Also there is not the slightest intention at this time to intimate that in considering facilities at St. John in comparison with those at the Nova Scotia city Halifax officials are influenced by the men for whom the accommodation is desired. At the same time it is well to remember that General Benson, himself a newcomer in this district, must depend for his opinions of St. John upon information supplied to him by members of his staff, and that staff is composed very largely of Halifax men or, at least, of men who view matters from the Halifax standpoint. If any such consideration has contributed to his opinion that St. John does not possess facilities for the accommodation of the men of the 140th it is necessary that he be supplied at once with information that will set him on the right track.

Hon. Mr. Hazen has worked, and is working assiduously and successfully in the interests of St. John. It is not desirable that he should be interfered with by any local organization so matter how well intentioned it may be. But it is equally undesirable that Halifax opinions as to the qualifications of this port should be permitted to undo any work Mr. Hazen has been able to accomplish for us. If accommodations at St. John are not sufficient for the 140th, well and good, but it is only natural that citizens of this city should require better evidence of our insufficiency than that afforded by the mere opinion of a Halifax officer no matter what his rank or station.

### DECEMY VS. KULTUR

The report of the American Ambassador and party who visited the prison camps in Germany and there saw indications that British prisoners were inhumanly treated, merely adds one more item to the mass of damning evidence being accumulated against the Teutonic powers, and on which the jury of the civilized world will decide that Germany has forfeited the last claim to world respect or consideration.

The visitors found that the British prisoners were insufficiently clad, poorly fed and subjected to indignities. Those who have visited camps where German prisoners were confined have been satisfied that the captors regarded their captives as men rather than criminals and accorded to them the very best treatment the regulations permitted. The detention camp in Amherst, N. S. may be taken as a sample of the manner in which the British treat their prisoners and it is fair to say that the men detained there have enjoyed better food and better conditions of life than when they were members of the German army.

From the start of this war to the present time the Allies have patterned their conduct on the lines of decency. They have been considerate to their enemies, have not withheld

medical service from the wounded, have been generous in their treatment of prisoners, and have refrained from practicing cruelty no matter how grave the provocation. In every case justice has been tempered with mercy, a statement of the truth of which is well illustrated by an incident of the other day when the young man, Trieste, an American college student, against whom there was ample evidence to show that he had acted as a German spy, was handed over to his parents and permitted to depart from England to America. Had that young man been captured in Germany his life would have paid the penalty for his indiscretion although there were many circumstances to mitigate his offence.

The method adopted by the Germans in their treatment of Nurse Cavell, a young woman who had ministered to their own wounded and whose only crime was that she endeavored to assist British soldiers to escape from imprisonment, is still sufficiently fresh in the public mind to serve as a standard of comparison with the Trieste case. The British action was dictated by common decency and fairness. The German case was merely a logical development of their "Kultur," the doctrine that might is right and that any crime, no matter how black or brutal, is to be condoned when it is perpetrated in the belief that it will advance the interests of the Fatherland.

### GREECE MUST ACT.

The next few hours will likely decide the position to be held by Greece in the great war. Wearied of continued protestations which carry little or no meaning in fact, the Allied powers have announced a commercial and economic blockade of Greece, a step expected to force the King of the Hellenes to a definite pronouncement of his position. Earl Kitchener had a conference with King Constantine on Saturday and, immediately following his visit, the Greek cabinet was summoned in special session. The result of their deliberations has not yet been announced but the action of the Allies leaves little choice; Greece must join with them and fulfill her treaty obligations to Serbia or else demobilize her army. Of course, she can throw her lot in with the Central Powers, a line of action likely to meet the views of the King and his German wife but, at the same time, liable to arouse such keen opposition on the part of the Greek people that civil war would be a possible development.

It is of the utmost importance to the Entente Allies that the Greek situation shall develop quickly. Conditions in the Balkan campaign are such that delay must be avoided and if Greece is to be considered as an enemy an understanding of that fact must be reached at once. While it is impossible to tell what pro-German influences may be at work in the Greek capital, to the general public only one solution of the difficulty is possible, quick compliance with the Allied demand. It would be suicidal for her to attempt to side with Germany while participation on the side of the Entente Powers is certain to bring concessions and advantages of great value. In any event the developments of the next few hours may be such as to completely change the whole current of Greek history and decide whether the nature of the Hellenic people is to be glorious or disastrous.

### THE CANADIAN WAR LOAN

There is every reason to believe that the new Canadian war loan of \$50,000,000, the prospectus of which reached this city on Saturday, will be rapidly taken up. Not only is the loan an attractive offering, positively secured, but those investing in it will have the satisfactory knowledge that they have assisted to fight the Empire's battles just as surely as if they went on active service. The German can be fought with the cheque book as well as the rifle, from the office as well as the trench, and, as has been said and written, if this war is to be won by "golden bullets," patriotic Canadians will see to it that as many as possible are expended in this country.

In the new issue the Canadian Min-

ister of Finance is giving the men and women of Canada an opportunity to finance their own fight. He is not going to the money markets of the world looking for capital. Instead, he intends to draw upon the resources of Canadian thrift and energy, the great national assets which in times of peace have been rapidly and surely accumulating. It has been said that a nation's prosperity is no greater than the thrift of its people. Canadians in the past have been thrifty and prosperous. Now that the opportunity for capitalizing that thrift and prosperity for the benefit of the nation presents itself it should not be neglected. Russia, not long ago, had occasion to float a war loan in a similar manner. Instead of attempting to secure foreign bankers to underwrite it the proposition was put directly to the Russian people with the result that four-fifths of the loan was subscribed for by the Russian peasantry in a very short time. What can be done in Russia can be done in Canada. The loan offers opportunity for an attractive sound investment on advantageous terms. And, surely, our money can be put to no better employment than that of guaranteeing to those who come after us the preservation of the right to live under the ideals of British liberty.

## MRS. JOHN H. RYAN DIES AT SUSSEX

Wife of Dr. Ryan had been ill several months—Prominent in social and welfare work.

### Special to The Standard

Sussex, N. B., Nov. 21.—Mrs. George Ryan died at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. Justice White, this evening at six o'clock. The deceased, who is the wife of Dr. John H. Ryan, had been ill for some time and only recently returned from New York, where she had been under treatment for several months. She is survived by her husband and daughter Elizabeth, eight years of age, her sister, Mrs. A. S. White, and two brothers, S. Earnest Vaughan of St. Martins, and Dr. H. F. Vaughan of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Ryan's father was the late David Vaughan of St. Martins, the well known ship builder and merchant.

A service will be held at the home of Hon. A. S. White on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock at which Rev. H. C. Rice will officiate, after which the remains will be taken to St. Martins for interment, leaving Sussex on the Maritime Express. The funeral will take place at St. Martins on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. The deceased was a highly respected resident of Sussex and was always forward in matters pertaining to the social and spiritual welfare of the community and her death was learned of with much sorrow by her many friends.

## GOMPERS AGAIN HEADS LABOR FEDERATION

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—Samuel Gompers of New York city was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at the concluding session of the annual convention Saturday.

### MOSQUITO COVE—(1855)

By Henry Gaslin.  
Oct. 19, 1915.  
When first across its rugged hills I made my way to Lingley's Mills (1), I, then a boy, and scarce thirteen, Beheld with joy an opening scene.

When past the wood and free to gaze, I, wondering, stood, filled with amazement, Like Alpine village, there below, The little hamlet seemed to show.

Near by the river caught my sight, Two reeking chimneys' lofty height, Where puffing steam with milling sound Of saws in cut, went echoing round.

As nearer down the slope I drew, The Narrows' bend appeared to view, Where water winds with rapid force And forms a basin from its course.

Shoal and still where raftmen toll On product of New Brunswick soil, To next be sawn, piled and scowed, To wait abroad 'neath sail and shroud.

I will not dwell upon the cause, Since I cannot tell through tidal laws How basins form, or shores recede, From hampered waters in their speed.

Enough to say, there, sheltered round As snug a pond as can be found, Nor better if by art 'twere made, So well adapted to the trade.

South Bay, the next in my survey, I turned my head and there it lay, In spacious room, amid the hills, A general boom for all the mills.

It and made, made one by man, With little bridge (2) across the span, A dale in youth to me as sweet As that vale (3) to Moore, where waters meet.

1—Bartlett Lingley Esq., lumber king.  
2—Canal Bridge.  
3—Sweet Vale of Avoca.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

My cousin Artie came around this afternoon, saying, Has the prettily man bin around yet?  
No, I sed, and Artie sed, Id buy a prettily wen he came around if I had a sent.  
So wood I, I sed, and Artie sed, G, I no a way to get sum munny.  
How, I sed, and Artie sed, Ill say your sister Gladdis is the most bewtiffil girl I ever saw, and you go in and tell her you got a swap for her anad dont tell her wat it is till she gives you 2 sents.  
Awl rite, go ahead and say it, I sed.  
Your sister Gladdis is the most bewtiffil girl I ever saw, sed Artie.  
And we went in the house and Gladdis was in the setting room reading, and I sed, Hele, Gladdis.  
Good by, sed Gladdis.  
Awl rite, then I wont tell you the fine swap I got for you, I wont tell you wat I herd sumbuddy say about you, I sed.  
You dont intrist me in the least, sed Gladdis.  
Dont I, well, he sed you was the most bewtiffil girl he ever saw, awl rite, that wat I herd him say about you, I sed.  
Wat, who, sed Gladdis.  
Sumbuddy, I sed, sum man. Wich Artie mite be sum day, and Gladdis sed I dont bleeve it.  
Its troo, I herd him say it, sed Artie.  
Who, sed Gladdis, and I sed, Give me 5 sents if I tell you.  
Most assuredly not, sed Gladdis, and I sed, Give me 3 sents, then, and Gladdis sed, No, nor 3 cethir, and I sed, Well give me 2, give me 2 and Ill tell you.  
Well, sed Gladdis, not that Im partickilly anxious to no, but theres 2 sents awl the material peace belongs to me, you can take that. Wich I did tell you Artie sed it. And me and Artie ran down stares and out the front door with Gladdis after us.

### ABOUT ZEPPELINS.

A Zeppelin really has sixteen sides, formed by the sixteen girders, made of very thin aluminum alloy, running from end to end of the ship, and over which the outer cover is stretched. To keep these longitudinal girders, or "strainers" in position, there are other girders which run like hoops round the ship, and act just like the ribs of a boat. There are generally about eighteen of these hoop girders, spaced an equal distance from each other. These hoop girders divide the skeleton of the airship into a series of compartments, in each of which is fitted a gasbag.

The central idea is that if one gasbag springs a leak, or is punctured by a projectile, only that one bag collapses, and the weighting of the ship is so arranged, says Mr. C. G. Grey, editor of the "Aeroplane," in the Daily News, that even if four or five gasbags are entirely deflated, the remainder are enough to float the ship when all ballast, ammunition, and other non-essentials have been thrown overboard. The outside covering of a Zeppelin is treated, "doped" or varnished, which makes it impervious to water, light, oil, or petrol, and practically fireproof.

A Zeppelin has four propellers, each driven through a long shaft and bevel gearing by a separate engine, so that each can be worked, or can be stopped, independently of the others. This not only adds to ease in manoeuvring, but is a safe-guard in case of one or more engines or propellers being damaged.

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