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## PREPARATION.

There is a busy and inspiring note in the air as this community makes ready to give New Brunswick's veterans and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales a welcome which in depth and heartiness and in outward demonstration will exceed all records of the sort since Champlain discovered the River St. John. St. John City, in the light of this fine morning, is seen to be transforming itself. Up and down its chief thoroughfares, and on its outward marches, there is already a magnificent display of bunting and green arches are springing up such as few men of middle age can recall heretofore. The great double event of tomorrow and next day has deeply touched the imagination and patriotic sentiment of a people every day recognizing more clearly the sterling quality of the services rendered by their soldier sons, and daily more proud of the fibre of the British race whose future ruler we are about to welcome.

The milestones of nations somewhat resemble those in the lives of individuals. The mature man, if his life has been a well-rounded one, looks back upon seasons of sorrow, of peril, of triumph, separated by stretches of more or less commonplace existence which sometimes have approached monotony. In those seasons of trial he was moved to the depths of his being. So with the nation, and so particularly with the British people, who look back upon days of gloom, of dark danger, of deliverance from deadly peril, and who have at last emerged from the greatest of wars into the full sunshine of victory—the victory of the highest cause known to civilization, to the winning of which they contributed generously and in accord with their traditional spirit of steadfastness and of national honor.

It is a natural and fitting, therefore, that the events for which our preparations are now almost complete should give to us all a deep sense of moving and personal interest, connected as they are with national and individual experiences which have touched closely the very centres of our being.

Barring the disaster of bad weather—and even that could not subdue the bounding spirit of this celebration—though it might mar the pageantry—there is a feeling of confidence that the demonstrations of the next two days will gloriously excel anything of a similar kind in the memory of our old men, and will be recalled with pride when the children of today draw their grandchildren about their knees and tell them how St. John and New Brunswick made memorable holiday to greet the Prince of Wales, to do honor to him and all that he represents, and to solemnize with gratitude and with pride the sons of this province who so well upheld the traditions of their race in the greatest conflict known to mankind.

In the matter of programme, of parades, of official welcomes, of decorations, the celebrations will be great, but still greater will they be in the current of patriotic enthusiasm which is stirring our whole population and which will find mighty expression tomorrow and on Friday.

## POETS AND SINGING BIRDS.

There are prosaic people who would measure poetry by the yard, like calico, or by the bushel, like oats, and such folk should have nothing to do, officially or unofficially, with the poets. Theirs is the spirit which stifles imagination and suppresses the poetic instinct. Because it is so, many will be inclined to resent some of the criticism recently launched against Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate of England, on the ground that he has not been earning his "salary" or to put it in another way, not living up to his opportunities and justifying the judgment of those who gave him the post once filled by Tennyson.

The Laureate receives annually a hundred pounds in these days instead of so many casks of Canary wine, as was the custom in former times. Recently in the House of Commons a member rose in his place and asked what the Poet Laureate was doing to earn his salary, why he had not written a peace ode, or a poem worthily commemorating Britain's heroic part in the war. Some one else suggested that perhaps if they would send him the wine instead of the hundred pounds the results would be happier.

To talk in that fashion about poets is, of course, an outrage; but nevertheless it is impossible to still the doubts existing now, and for some years past, as to whether or not Robert Bridges was the right man to wear Tennyson's mantle. Had there been a vote on the subject, the honor would have gone to Kipling, but it was said at the time that Rudyard was unpopular in certain influential circles—too outspoken, too blunt, not sufficiently docile. Be that as it may, something should be done to suppress members of Parliament or lesser persons, who hold the view that a bird can be made to sing to order, and that a laureate should ever be ready to raise his voice in song whether the inspiration is present or not. Perhaps the moral of the circumstances related is that the official bard should be chosen through some expression of the popular will. Something, surely, is to be said for that view.

On the other hand, mere silence on

occasion is no proof of lack of genius. The present Poet Laureate may do something great before long. Attempts to hurry him will only make the situation worse. Meantime there will be many to sympathize with his somewhat unpoetic expression when an interviewer found him in his rose garden and told him certain people were complaining because he did not produce great verses to order. "I don't give a damn," said the Poet Laureate, which mild profanity under the circumstances seems justifiable enough. Perhaps if the nightingale be left undisturbed he will sing presently.

Expenditures by governments during the war had of necessity to be lavish. Nothing counted then except victory and had that been denied the Allies, little indeed would have mattered. But now that the war has been won and the weight of its burdens is being felt, the cry for retrenchment wherever possible is not to be wondered at. Sharp criticism in the British House of Commons has developed over expenditure on armaments and has drawn from Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for war, an intimation that the government is seeking to meet the country's demand for economy. There is something in the plea that the people cannot be expected to practice careful habits when governments show the bad example of extravagance that might well be avoided.

St. John's, Nfld., has done well in its welcome to the Prince of Wales. St. John, N. B. will be the next place to command world attention in this respect. The plans are well arranged there is a spirit of enthusiasm in the air. Now all together for final success.

There's nothing too much that St. John and her people can do to show appreciation of the great work of our soldiers in the war. Let everybody show the boys tomorrow that we realize this.

The Chief of Police asks all drivers of vehicles to keep them off the parade streets tomorrow during the procession hours. There should be general acquiescence.

The Times publishes in a prominent place today the programme for Soldiers' Joy Day tomorrow. Do something more than enjoy yourself; help the soldiers to realize that it is all for them.

The city decorations promise to be exceptionally good. The display should be general. That's where everybody can do something.

Well, done, Weather Man. Keep it up for two more days anyway.

## THE ROYAL VISIT.

15th August, 1919.

Gone are the nights of grief,  
Gone are the days of gloom;  
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Its weaver, by the side  
Of Canada's brave sons,  
Beheld Teutonic pride  
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Love follows where he goes,  
A love that's empire wide;  
Where broad St. Lawrence flows,  
By Liffey, Thames, and Clyde.

United if we stand,  
We'll stem misfortune's gales;  
So now, with heart and hand  
We greet the Prince of Wales.

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## LONDON, ONT., GIRL DIES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Miss Belle McLachlan First Victim in the City of Sleeping Sickness.

London, Ont., Aug. 11—Miss Belle McLachlan, aged thirty-one, daughter of Mrs. Isabelle McLachlan of 4 Kenneth avenue, succumbed at her home here, the first London victim of the sleeping sickness.

Miss McLachlan, who was private secretary to Lieut.-Col. A. A. Campbell of the People's Building and Loan Co., was affected by the heat while at Fort Stanley. She continued at the office for a few days, but her condition forced her to remain at home. A week ago she lapsed into a state of coma, and since that time she had not regained consciousness. Miss McLachlan was born in Westminster Township, but had been a resident of London practically all her life.

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## LIGHTER VEIN.

The case was going for the defendant and his counsel was getting upset. "Has my client a reputation for being abnormally lazy?" he asked an opposing witness sarcastically. "Well, it's this way," "Will you kindly answer the question?" struck in the incoherent lawyer. "Well, I was going to say it's this way. I don't want to do the gentleman in question an injustice. And I don't go so far as to say that he's lazy exactly; but if it required any voluntary work on his part to digest his food—why, he'd die from lack of nutrition!"

One of the smartest replies ever made by a parliamentary candidate was that credited to Lord Palmerston. A heckler at one of his meetings had demanded of the statesman—"Will you, if returned, support such and such a measure?" "Palm" thought for a moment, then said, "I will."

"Hurray!" broke in the heckler and his pack. "Not," continued "Palm"—at which there were thunderous counter-cries—"tell you," he concluded. And the general laughter made him prime favorite at once.

After he had kissed her and pressed her rosy cheek against his and patting her soft round chin, she drew back and asked him—"George do you shave yourself?" "Yes," he replied. "I thought so," she said, "your face is the roughest I ever saw." Then she stopped, but it was too late, and he went away with a lump in his throat.

## A Literary Leak.

(Baltimore American.)

On the platform of a rural station stood a box consigned to a prominent citizen. The station master eyed it ever and anon. It was labeled as a package of books. He scrutinized the box. Then he sent a message to the owner:—"There is a box of books here at station consigned to you. But it is leaking badly, and if you don't send for it soon, there will be no books left."

## OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AT BERLIN IS PLAN

Evidence of Spartan Plot to Further World Revolution is Disclosed

Berlin, Monday, Aug. 11—(By the Associated Press)—A complete and carefully drawn plan to overthrow the present government and further world revolution is contained in a secret Spartan circular to its agents and district chiefs. The document speculates on various possible developments and then sets forth a concrete plan, the first step of which would be to hasten an internal German crisis by tampering with the home guards of Gustave Noske, Minister of Defense.

The postal workers are depressed, according to their circular, which goes on to say that the programme with regard to the peasants is complete. Delay in provoking the revolution is rather welcomed, "as it will enable further education of the proletariat." The document doubts that the rail-roads yet aim at the Spartan goal, their objects being economic. Therefore, it says, their movement must be in other than political ways at present.

## RETURNED SOLDIERS ENLIST AS BENEDICTS

Sergeant Herkman Good, V.C., and Miss Martha Moore were married at Bathurst on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Cooper.

Anthony Furlotte of Jacques River was married at Nelson yesterday to Miss Matilda Dugay, of Chatham Head. The groom recently returned from overseas.

Charles V. Barchard, a returned man, was married at Elgin to Miss Beatrice E. Stiles, of Mapleton, last Saturday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. A. Burrows.

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## HE PLAYS SAFE

Falkenhayn Accepts Responsibility for Some Acts of War But Does Not Mean to Give Himself Up

Berlin, Aug. 12—While assuming responsibility for the decision and commands of former Emperor William from September, 1914, to August, 1916, General Von Falkenhayn, former German chief of staff, declares he has no intention whatever of voluntarily placing himself at the disposal of the Allies. The general's statement says that if he surrendered himself to the Allies he would recognize a procedure which, he considers, "mocks all sense of justice."

Paris newspapers on Aug. 7 announced that the German delegation at Versailles had transmitted to the supreme council of the peace conference a letter from General Falkenhayn. The letter said the former German chief of staff assumed responsibility for all military acts of Germany while he was in power. It was added that the general was prepared to offer himself to the Allies for trial in place of the former emperor.

A. J. Alexander, a member of a well known fur firm in Montreal, Mrs. Alexander, their three children and Miss Rosalie Morris and chauffeur, arrived in the city yesterday on a motor trip from Montreal. Mr. Alexander said that the roads were in good condition.

## PAY OF C.P.R. SLEEPING CAR CONDUCTORS

Railway Board Confirms Arrangement—Canadian Express Co. Matter

Montreal, Aug. 12—The Canadian Railway Board, adjustment No. 1 has handed down awards in cases between companies and employees. An arrangement that was arrived at between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and their sleeping car conductors was confirmed. This provided for salary on the basis of a flat rate, and the award was \$150 a month for the first year service and \$160 a month thereafter. These monthly rates are to include mileage, and work conditions as at present established.

Another case is that of the Canadian Express Company and its employees. There was a question as to the interpretation of the word "position" in regard to the rule which provided that "to the monthly rate of pay of position as of January 1, 1918, and \$25 a month." The decision of the board was that it assumes that the rates shown in schedule of December 1, 1917, were in effect on January 1, 1918, and therefore, decided that \$25 a month be added to the rates of such schedule.

Lewis Stephens & Co., of St. John have been awarded a contract for sewerage construction in Moncton to cost \$12,786.25.

## MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

W. R. Scriven, veteran oarsman of Halifax, who is coming to St. John for the celebration tomorrow, performed an heroic feat on Monday on the North West Arm when he rescued a woman who had taken a cramp while swimming and gone down for the second time. J. R. Shaffer of Lawrence, N. S., was badly injured yesterday by a fall from the running board of his car. It is feared his injuries may prove fatal.

The Yorkshire Miners' Council voted yesterday that work be resumed. Some 200,000 miners have been on strike for some weeks. The new Austrian government must change its country's name to "Republic of Austria," the supreme council of the peace conference has ordered. It has been called "German-Austria."

The embargo on hides and leather from Canada has already forced a decline in the price of hides and may mean cheaper shoes.

J. D. Shanahan of the U. S. Grain Corporation, arrived at New York yesterday after a tour of Europe, said that 90 per cent of the tillable acreage there was planted and the crop this year would do much to relieve distress abroad.

From a conference of heads of Canadian Universities held in Ottawa a resolution has reached Premier Borden asking assistance for returned soldiers attending college. The sum required they say would total about \$1,500,000. The applicants under the scheme would give personal security for the repayment of certain amounts granted.

The English house of commons last night passed the second reading of the bill against profiteering.

## Our August Footwear Sale Will Interest You

Many Customers are buying several pairs for future use.

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