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WHAT BRITAIN IS DOING

The Chicago Daily News pays a striking tribute to the part that Great Britain is playing in the war, and shows how she is bending her energies to a colossal task. Here, says the Chicago paper, are some of the things Britain is doing:

- "1. Holding the seas for the ships of her Allies as well as for her own.
- "2. Protecting the coasts of her Allies as well as her own.
- "3. Struggling in co-operation with the French, to smash the Turks and win the Balkans for the Allied cause.
- "4. Rendering great aid to French and Belgian troops in resisting the terrible onslaughts of the Germans on the Allied left wing in the West.
- "5. Making loans and supplying munitions to nearly all her partners in the war.
- "6. Pursuing a financial policy in Southeastern Europe likely to promote the cause of the nationalities.
- "7. Putting into the field more than ten times as many men as she ever promised.
- "8. Guarding her own soil and people against an invasion, which, if it came—and it is believed to be far from impossible—doubtless would be the most savage, the most unsparring, ever known. With how many men? Well, with enough. To hear some people talk, one would suppose that upon Britain were laid the duty of defending every land but her own.

Britain's wealth and sea power, and military power are one civic safeguard against the triumph of Germany's unparalleled war machine. Without Britain's help, France and Russia certainly must have been crushed, and Britain, let it be remembered, was not compelled to go to the aid of France. She could have stayed out of the war, Germany had begged her to stay out of the war. Disgraced she might have been—as Britons think, must have been—if she had left Belgium and France and European liberty to their doom. But she could have done this.

Britain might have sat still and awaited the onset—as America is awaiting the onset. She might have stood clear, husbanding her resources of men and money, might swiftly have prepared, even might have loomed over the stricken adversaries in the end, and claimed the leadership of Europe for herself. But she did not do so. She threw her trident into the scale, her sword with it, her gold also, and she is incalculably rich. She threw into the balance her impressive racial record, her prestige and her unvalued diplomatic skill. She threw, and is throwing, the whole might of her Empire into the balance.

And all for what? For the principle of the liberty of the individual against the despotism of the State.

A REPREHENSIBLE CAMPAIGN

Just why that section of London newspaperdom known as the Northcliffe group and headed by the Times and Daily Mail, should be seeking to spread abroad the idea that matters are not going altogether well with the Allied armies, and that something should be done to improve the prospect, is not quite clear unless it be from a desire to create a sensation. Having openly advocated a coalition government and seen his suggestion adopted, Lord Northcliffe emboldened by his success, is apparently anxious to become the dictator of public opinion.

The people of England, in common with the rest of the world know that Germany has already reached the height of her military power, while the Allies progress towards that position has been slow, perhaps slower than it ought to have been. They know that the Dardanelles are being bravely and well defended, and that progress there has been slow. They know that Russia has

been forced to give ground before a tremendous German drive. They know that the "nibbling" process in the western theatre has, so far, produced no very striking results. They know of the activity of Germany's submarines. They know that the difficulty of arming and equipping the Allied armies is enormous, and that it has not been as well organized as it might have been. Why then the demand for more "revelation" of the conditions? What more is there to reveal?

On the other hand, the people of England know that from a state of practically complete unpreparedness Great Britain has now more than four million men under arms. They know that Britain's naval superiority has enormously increased since the war began. They know that the shortage of munitions is being met as rapidly as the manufacturing forces of the Allies can be mobilized. They know that the Allied lines in the western theatre have so far proved impenetrable, despite all Germany's devilish war devices, and that reserves massed behind the Allied lines make it very unlikely that those lines ever will be penetrated. They know that Russia has not been given any blow from which she cannot quickly recuperate. They know, in a word, that time is fighting on the side of the Allies, that Germany will soon be past the pinnacle of her military strength.

Why then this campaign of pessimism? Winston Churchill in his speech at Dundee said that "pessimism in the civilian population is akin to cowardice in the army," and his statement was not exaggerated.

KITCHENER'S APPEAL

Above the noise of whatever quarrelling may go on in political life in Britain from time to time, there stands out the solid fact that the nation, to a man, is behind the War Minister Lord Kitchener. He is the chosen instrument of the British people for the defeat of Germany. In his speech at the London Guildhall last week, the Secretary for War repeated his demand for more men in solemn and impressive language. He did not boast; he was not unduly optimistic; but he was courageous and laid stress on the need for a united and vigorous action. He looks right ahead into the face of difficulties and trials, and his appeal is to the sturdy manhood of his countrymen.

Already Lord Kitchener has won immortal fame by the feat he has performed in raising and organizing armies. History contains no parallel. He has taken a peace loving nation and turned it into a war machine of unquestioned strength in less time than it has taken formerly to raise one army. His great service is recognized by the British people, and that accounts for his unbounded popularity.

The time may not be far distant when Lord Kitchener will go to the front to organize the fighting, as he has organized the training of his new armies.

GENERAL DISSATISFACTION

There is at present a general dissatisfaction among the users of electric lights in town, over the service rendered, and it is felt that some radical change or improvement must be made at the power house if the town wishes to continue in line with other towns of the province for first place recognition.

That the present plant is insufficient and too costly to operate to an advantage, everybody knows, and unless something is done now, the town will find itself up against a proposition that will take many thousands of dollars to solve.

It is true that to install an up-to-date plant will entail a large expenditure, which no doubt the town is not in a position to shoulder at the present time; but what will be the result when this plant has served its extreme usefulness? The town of Newcastle finds itself today in the same position that other towns have been placed in—right up against it, with an old worn-out plant staring it in the face. The town of Chatham some few years ago was up against the same proposition that Newcastle is today. It, too, required a large expenditure, but a less expensive plant to run, but the step was taken, and now today, when that town decided that it wanted an all-day service, it had a plant capable of performing that extra work without extra expense for equipment. What is New-

castle going to do, or more to the point, what can Newcastle do to better conditions and keep abreast of the times?

CRIME IN NEW YORK

It was expected that the execution of the gunmen who killed Rosenthal, and the punishment that was visited on some other apprehended slayers would result in materially reducing the murder record in New York city; but it is now noted that the Director of the Bureau of City Enquiry states that as a result of police failures, scores of murderers are walking the streets unmolested, and murder has become one of the safest crimes to commit. It is a terrible indictment against a city of New York's extensions, and yet the figures given showing that of 173 murders committed in the borough of Manhattan alone during the last year, 75 still remain unsolved, certainly substantiate the charge made.

PERSONAL

Miss Dorea Blain spent Sunday in Chatham.

Miss Margaret McGrath spent Sunday in Chatham.

Miss M. A. Tingley is visiting her brother in St. John.

Mrs. C. C. Hamilton is spending the summer in Suedia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Metcalfe returned to Moncton last week.

Miss Lena Russell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Uncles, in St. John.

Miss Jennie Gremley has returned from a visit to friends in Fredericton.

Miss Sadie B. Hogan has gone to spend her vacation in Lewiston, Me.

Mrs. John Rae was visiting her son, Gordon, in St. John last week.

Mrs. Hiram Copp and children, of Chatham are visiting at Mr. Copp's home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Payne and Miss Payne are visiting in Fredericton.

Mrs. James Rundle is occupying "Nimble," Bay du Vin, for the summer.

Mrs. Fred Locke returned Monday from a visit to friends in Chipman, N. B.

Mrs. Samuel Mitchell, of Arizona, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John McAllister.

Mrs. L. R. Hetherington is visiting at Mr. Hetherington's home in Washademoak.

Miss Lillian Williamson returned on Thursday from a visit to friends in Bay du Vin.

Miss Ethel Allison is spending a two weeks' vacation with relatives in Portland, Me.

Mrs. Allan J. Ferguson and family have moved to their Bay du Vin Cottage for the summer.

Mrs. J. Harry Brown and family are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Brown's mother in Chatham.

Mr. George Fleisher, of Chatham, has accepted a position with the Record Foundry Co. of Moncton.

Misses Marion and Jessie MacArthur and Master George are visiting their grandparents at Bedouque, P. E. I.

Mrs. Joseph Ingram and Miss Florence Simpson are visiting Mrs. Jas. A. Rundle at her cottage, Bay du Vin.

Miss Marion Manley, of New York, is visiting Miss Muriel Bate at the rectory, Bay du Vin, for a short period.

Mrs. Randolph Crocker and family, who have been living with Major Crocker in Fredericton, have returned to their home in Millerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Petrie and son Robert of South, Brewer, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williston, went to Tracadie on Monday to spend a few days with Mr. Petrie's brother, Mr. George Petrie.

RICHIBUCTO NEWS

Personal and Local Happenings at the Shiretown of Kent County

July 13—In the furious gale of Friday, which was accompanied by heavy rain, much damage was done to shipping. Fears were entertained for the safety of James Legoff, but he arrived home in safety Saturday evening. His fishing boat ran aground near Kouchibouguac and he was obliged to come home in a dory.

Rev. B. C. Hartnau, the new Methodist pastor, arrived here last week and held the first services on his new circuit yesterday. Mr. Hartnau is accompanied by his bride. They are boarding until the paragonage is in order, with Mrs. James Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dearness and baby son went to St. John on Tuesday. The former had been spending a few days; the latter six months with her parents, Judge and Mrs. H. H. James.

Mrs. James A. Starrak is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Hudson. Mrs. Starrak before coming here

AMERICAN SHIP USED AS SHIELD

By German Submarine to Torpedo A Russian Steamer

Liverpool, July 13, 210 a. m.—How an American ship is alleged to have been used as a shield by a German submarine for the sinking of another vessel is the story related by members of the crew of the American bark Normandy, which has arrived here from Gulfport, Miss.

The story is that the Normandy was stopped by a German submarine sixty miles southwest of Tuskar Rock, off the southeast coast of Ireland, Friday night. The captain was called aboard the submarine, where his papers were examined and found to show that the ship was chartered by an American firm January 5.

The captain of the bark, it was asserted, was allowed to return to the Normandy, but under the threat that his ship would be destroyed unless he stood by and obeyed orders. These orders, it was stated, were that he was to act as a shield for the submarine, which lay around the side of the bark, hiding itself from an approaching vessel.

This vessel proved to be the Russian steamer Leo. Presently the submarine submerged and proceeded around the bow of the Normandy, so the story went, and ten minutes later the crew of the Normandy saw the Leo blown up.

Twenty-five persons were on board of whom eleven were drowned, including three stewardesses. Those saved included three Americans, Walter Emery, of North Carolina; Harry Clark, of Sierra, and Harry Whitney, of Camden, N. J. All these three men, when interviewed, corroborated the above story. They declared that no opportunity was given those on board for saving life.

The Leo was bound from Philadelphia for Manchester with a general cargo. The captain of the Normandy told the survivors that he would have liked to have signalled their danger to them, but that he dared not do so because his uninsured ship would have been instantly sunk.

The steamer Leo sailed from Philadelphia June 25 for Leth, under command of Captain Jerstrom. She was a vessel of 2,342 tons and belonged in Helsingfors. She was built in 1902.

REXTON ITEMS

Of Interest to Readers From Our Regular Correspondent.

July 12—Friday's storm was very much felt here, although fortunately there was no loss of life. The wind blew a gale from the southeast and the rain poured. Several boats were driven ashore on the coast, a schooner (name unknown), had her sails torn and part of her main mast broken off. The little schooner Maple Leaf, Capt. Fraser, was out in the thick of it, but got in safely with only part of her gear carried away. The Captain reports one of the wildest storms in years.

Mrs. Alfred Munde left Monday for Valcartier to visit her husband before he leaves for Europe with the Mounted Rifles.

Grant McDonald, Edgar Weston and Lee McBeath, went to Sussex today to enlist with the 55th.

Miss Agnes McDonald who has been teaching at Lorneville, St. John Co., came home to spend the balance of her vacation, after having spent some time with St. John friends.

Mrs. A. B. Carson returned home from Campbellton Friday, where she spent a few days.

Mrs. T. G. A. Parkes returned home from Nova Scotia Friday and left this morning with her husband for Quebec to take a steamer for Europe.

James Owen and George Lawson of the 55th at Sussex, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Patrick Trainor and little grand-daughter Helen are visiting her sister, Mrs. Keady Lanigan.

Mrs. Henry Stuart of Sussex and her sister, Mrs. J. C. Glencross of

had been to Boston, Mass., to bid good bye to her sister, Miss Gladys Hudson, professional nurse, who is leaving for the front.

Miss Anna C. Kelly, B. A., who has resigned her position as principal of the Grammar school, has returned to her home in Fredericton, after spending a week since school closing, the guest of her friend, Mrs. B. E. Johnson.

Mrs. H. H. James went to St. John on Friday.

Mrs. Greenwood and little son, of Worcester, Mass., came on Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Amiraux.

Miss Yvonne Leger, teacher, is spending vacation with her parents, ex-Sheriff and Mrs. A. T. Leger.

Miss Margaret Halleran, teacher, is spending vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Halleran.

Miss Chrystal, retired teacher, is visiting her many friends in town.

Miss Edna O'Leary, teacher at Kouchibouguac, is spending vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. O'Leary.

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D. Waller of New York, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McGregor.

Mrs. R. A. McGregor and Miss Annie L. Palmer went to Moncton Saturday to visit Mrs. A. Wood.

Miss Lynn Wright went to Portland, Me., Friday to visit friends.

She was accompanied as far as St. John by her sister Miss Bessie, who will visit friends there.

Miss Nellie McInerney, trained nurse of Boston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McInerney.

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July 13, sch. Lizzie, 99, Miller, master, lumber.

A No-Lose Contest

Everybody wins a prize in the Advocate's Voting Contest, particulars of which will be found on pages one and five. Read them.

A band of Italian gypsies passed through Fredericton on Thursday afternoon.

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