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MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 6.

Military Drill for Scholars

There has been an immense amount of discussion in the board of education and elsewhere of the drilling of pupils at the public schools. A great deal of the discussion has been utterly wide of the mark, and a great deal of it has been concerned with misapprehensions and with apprehensions that need not be entertained.

Better things are to be anticipated of our boys than this, and we think better things of their teachers. No one has the slightest idea of turning Ontario into a new Prussia, where every man, woman and child is under military discipline and lives in a perpetual attitude of salute!

The advantages of having the elements of military drill implanted in the boys are so numerous that it is rather odd to find anyone supposed to be familiar with boy nature, to raise objections. As a first step, there is more to be gained than from years of schooling. In the development of the co-operative spirit, esprit de corps, the sense of organic union, there is more to be learned than in any other way physically.

When Baden-Powell began the Boy Scout movement years ago. Those who, for several years before the war broke out, observed the growth and spread of the Boy Scout movement in Great Britain, breathed more easily when they thought of the coming storm. Had it not been for Baden Powell's boy scouts, Kitchener's army would never have been such a magnificent realization.

Nothing is likely to be done in Toronto without authorization from the department of education, and if the movement be guided on wise lines, and the boy scout model rather than the cadet corps be kept in view, nothing but good can be the result.

"Madmen"

Nothing has given more offence to those who have favored the entente allies and their cause than President Wilson's comparison of them with drunken rowdies fighting in a bar. Mr. Wilson makes no difference in his public utterances between the brutes who

ravaged Belgium and the Belgians who fought to protect their country. Those who assisted, French, Italians, British, Russians, Serbs, Roumanians, he lumped together as the "madmen" fighting in Europe. History will scarcely endorse this verdict, but whatever be the verdict of history, it cannot be expected that this judgment can be accepted by those who are fighting, as they believe, for the most sacred principles of human action. If it be neutrality to regard the criminal, the police officer and the judge as all equally guilty of disturbing the peace, then human reason rejects the view. But this view does not seem to have appealed to thinkers of any wide repute except the president himself. One ex-president has gone on record a few days ago in marked disapproval of it. Theodore Roosevelt speaks quite plainly:

"President Wilson has referred to the men fighting in Europe as 'madmen.' He has not differentiated in any way among them. Such failure to differentiate is in itself a gross offense against international morality. If the Belgians fighting for Belgium are 'madmen,' then the men of Bunker Hill and Yorktown were lunatics indeed. Either President Wilson does not mean what he says or else he condemns all struggles for freedom as sinful, including our own struggle."

Will the United States Ever Try the Experiment of Free Trade?

In its November number Current Opinion discusses the trade future of the United States after the war. It is pointed out that the allied nations will remain allies commercially long after the war is over. Great Britain, for example, may be expected to draw her food supplies from her dominions overseas, and from Russia to the exclusion of the United States. Already Canada is preparing thru her co-operative export association to reap the benefit of preferential treatment for her exports after the war, not only from the mother country, but from Russia, France and Italy, as well.

It is taken for granted that the central powers will establish a like Zollverein for their own protection and prohibit or restrict imports from the entente powers after the war is over in much the same way as those powers may be trusted to prohibit or restrict imports from the nations with which they are now at war. How far Germany and Austria, if defeated, may be allowed to control their own fiscal policies remain to be seen.

But assuming that two powerful groups of nations divide Europe into two hostile camps commercially, it must almost of necessity follow that they will oppose high tariff barriers against neutral nations. A preference to Canada as against Germany, for example, would evidently be worthless unless coupled with a similar preference as against her principal rival in the export trade. Hence it may be easily seen that American manufacturers seeking entrance into the markets of the entente powers, will have to form Canadian corporations and establish plants in Canada.

The American exporter of agricultural products, however, could resort to no such device, for evidently the Canadian farmer could not benefit by the preference afforded him in Europe. If grain and other products grown in the United States could be shipped into Canada, lose their original identity and then be transhipped to any of the entente powers.

Canada, as one of the entente powers, would have to maintain a stiff tariff against neutral as well as against nations and especially against the United States.

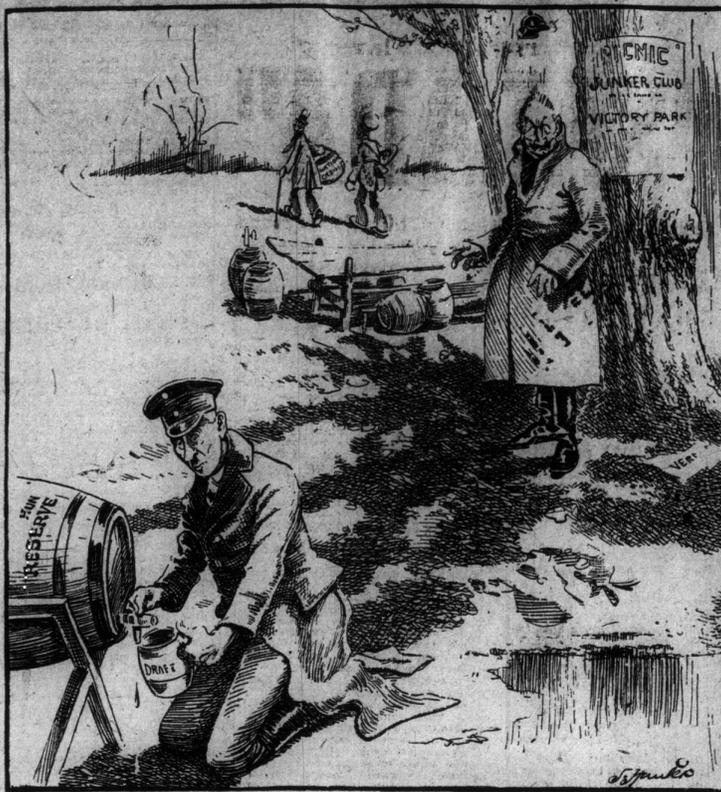
United States observers fear that both groups will go after foreign trade with determination and success. They will start with the advantage of state owned railways, with industries mobilized under state control, and with the disposition to subsidize shipping. The United States, they say, will be fairly driven out of the South American market, a task by no means difficult in view of the slipshod manner in which United States exporters have been carrying on their trade with Latin America during the war.

Scarcely any weapon of reprisal seems to suggest itself to our neighbors except the old device of raising the tariff. In this way they may constitute a Zollverein among the states of the union, but while that, to some extent, might placate the manufacturer, it holds out no promise of hope to the producer and exporter of food.

Some slim consolation is extracted from the philosophical reflection that trade should be governed by economic laws and not by sentimental or political considerations. That, however, would bring the United States perilously near the experiment of free trade. Something like free trade might ensure to the advantage of the United States also it would certainly be a revolutionary reversal of the policy to which, up to this time, she has attributed her wealth and prosperity. But so many changes are being wrought by the great war that we may yet see Great Britain heading the column of nations adhering to a high protective tariff while the United States harks back to the teaching of Cobden and Bright and tries the desperate experiment of free trade.

The Argentine department of agriculture has an appropriation of more than \$200,000 for the purpose of fighting the locust plague, to be done by means of a natural pest enemy which has been discovered.

NEARING THE END OF THE PICNIC



"Der Kag's Getting Low, Fadder."

STATUTE REPEALS POWERS IN TOTO

No Provision Made for Return of Authority to Separate School Boards.

PURE TECHNICALITY McGreggor Young, K.C., Gives Point of the Privy Council Decision.

McGreggor Young, K.C., who represented the attorney-general before the privy council in the bilingual case on which judgment was delivered last week, said yesterday that the whole point of that part of the judgment adverse to the province on the legality of the statute constituting the separate schools commission to take over the functions of the elective school boards in Ottawa, was that their lordships found the statute to be ultra vires, in that it abrogated the powers of the board in toto, and for an indefinite period, making no provision for the return of the board's power in normal times.

Mr. McGreggor Young said that it was evident that there were omissions and errors in the cable of the judgment printed in "Toronto" papers, so it would be wiser to reserve comment upon it until the certified copy of the judgment was received here. It is evident from what Mr. McGreggor Young said that their lordships took an entirely technical view of the matter, confining their attention solely to the legal question involved and refraining from considering the question of difficulty of framing a statute which would give the commission power over only those functions which the recalcitrant board refused to fulfill and only for such a time as the board should have regained its powers. It would appear that the statute's legality might have been saved if it had contained some provision whereby the board should have regained its powers automatically as soon as it conformed to the requirements of the law.

It is probably within the truth to say that the decision of the privy council makes it clear that in this country a government cannot abrogate the powers of an elective body to an appointed body save for the period during which and to the extent to which the elective body refuses to comply with the law.

ON A SLOW STEAMER No Mail From England or France, But Carpathia Due Today.

New York, Nov. 4.—No mail from England or France had been delivered here this week, owing to it having been placed on board the Cunard line steamer Carpathia, one of the slowest steamships in the Atlantic passenger service. The Carpathia left Liverpool Oct. 25, and is due here today. The board should have regained its powers last mail to arrive came on the White Star liner Celtic a week ago today.

MARQUIS DE BRETEUIL DEAD. Paris, Nov. 5.—The Marquis Henri Charles de Breteuil, a famous personality in Parisian society, and intimate friend of the late King Edward of England, died yesterday.

SIXTY MEN IN DANGER. Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 4.—More than sixty men are confined in the Bessie mines this morning as the result of an explosion about 4 o'clock. The mines are twenty miles west of this city.

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Red Cross Contributions

Table listing Red Cross contributions from various groups and individuals, including Brig-General James Mason, Mrs. Caldwell, and others.

WAR WITHOUT DECLARATION.

Paris, Nov. 4.—Geo. Clemenceau in Homme Enchaîné discussing the German submarine attacks in Norwegian waters, declares this shows that Germany has now decided to wage war without formally declaring it on all neutral powers which thwart her. "It is," he says, "the insatiation of a new 'right of man,' eliminating all other rights except that of force."

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EIGHT MEN DEAD IN WEEK END LIST

Seven Reported Killed in Action, But Several of These Not Named by Ottawa.

FROM PRIVATE TO MAJOR

Major J. P. Girvan Was in Ranks Going Overseas and Won Promotion in Field.

In the week-end casualty lists the names of fourteen Toronto men appear. Seven are reported as killed in action, but several of these do not appear in the official lists, being based on private messages received by relatives. One soldier has died of wounds, one is missing and one previously reported missing, is stated to have rejoined his battalion. Since Sept. 15 a total of 3482 Toronto names have appeared as casualties.

Major John P. Girvan, who left Toronto with the 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders), received gunshot wounds in chest on Sept. 27. This is the first time he has appeared in the casualty list, although he had been in the trenches for over a year and a half. Major Girvan enlisted as a private and won his promotion in the field. Official word has just been received from Ottawa by his parents at 1130 Dufferin street, that he is now on his way home on sick leave.

Lieut. Chas. T. Croucher, reported as wounded in the second battle, and now in the hospital at Boulogne, before enlisting was assistant-secretary to Alex. Lewis, of the Toronto Harbor Commission. He went away with the 8th Battalion, but was drafted to another Canadian battalion at the front. He is 22 years of age, single, and resided with his father at 15 Irene avenue.

Pte. Eric W. Cousins, who is reported to have died of wounds, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cousins, 123 Clinton street. He went overseas with the 8th Battalion. He was formerly employed as a drug clerk in Bowlinville.

Pte. James Geddes, 137 Sherbourne street, has been killed in action. He was with the 20th Battalion. His father, who is at present in England, has sent word to friends in Toronto that Pte. Geddes came to his death on Sept. 25.

Pte. J. H. Culver, 40 Cowan avenue, who enlisted with the 8th Battalion, has been killed in action. His name appeared some time ago in the casualty list, but as no official notification had been received, his wife retained the hope that he might still be alive. Official notice, however, has just been received confirming the previous announcement. He was formerly employed with the T. Eaton Co. and besides his wife, leaves six children.

Pte. W. Hurley, reported killed in action, is not known to relatives at the address of his next of kin given in the casualty list.

Gunner E. D. Barry, who is reported to have been killed in action on Oct. 8, was the eldest son of the Rev. John Barry of Meaford. He was formerly employed by the firm of Eden Smith & son, architects, and resided at 61 Albany avenue. On the day prior to his death he was informed that he had been recommended for the Military Cross for bravery in repelling air-entanglements and carrying water to the wounded under heavy fire.

Pte. Norman Cunningham, reported killed in action, enlisted with the 8th Toronto Battalion and trained at Exhibition Camp before going overseas last May. His home was in Oakland, Ont.

Pte. A. J. Fletcher, reported missing since Sept. 15, is now believed to have been killed in action, according to word just received by his wife, who resides at 24 Sellers avenue. He went overseas as a bugler with the 8th Battalion. Before enlisting he was with the Consumers Gas Co.

Corp. R. A. Bolin, brother of J. W. Bolin, 17 Trizeau street, has been killed in action. He went overseas as a signaller with the 8th Battalion, and went to the front with a British Columbia unit.

Pte. Arthur R. Bush is reported as missing since Oct. 14, in a telegram received by his sister, Mrs. Martha Cannon, 73 Water street. Before enlisting he worked for the Wm. Davies Co. He left Toronto with the 37th Battalion.

Pte. Clark Saunders, 77 Pears avenue, is reported wounded. He enlisted at Ottawa with the 8th Battalion, and prior to enlisting was employed with a local undertaker. He was unmarried.

Sgt. W. A. McArthur, 195 Sackville street, has been wounded by a gunshot in the back and is now in a hospital at Caen, France. He is married and was employed as a teamster before enlisting.

Pte. E. W. Hart, previously reported missing, is now officially reported to have rejoined his regiment. He left for the front six months ago with the 15th Battalion. He was formerly a shipper in a Toronto factory.

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