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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.

### THE RUSSIANS AT ERZERUM.

Despatches received last night state that the news of the capture of Erzerum was received with the greatest enthusiasm throughout the Russian Empire, as marking the successful culmination of a most arduous campaign. The difficulties of the task confronting the Russians may be imagined when the situation of the captured city is understood. A recent description of Erzerum and the country surrounding it furnishes some idea of this. The city, which is the largest on the Armenian plateau, stands 6,000 feet above the sea level and yet is regarded as a city of the plain. Not far away Mount Ararat rears its lofty peak to a height of 17,000 feet in the clouds and the altitude of the country, taken in conjunction with the time of year of the campaign there adds another to the difficulties confronting an attacking force. It is said that 22 degrees is a common winter minimum of temperature even in the plain and through that plain the Russians had been advancing, fighting every foot of the way for several days. The roads were deep in snow, making transportation, particularly of ordnance, almost impossible, and yet the Czar's soldiers surmounted those natural difficulties, successfully opposed to a strong enemy and gained a glorious triumph.

Erzerum, by reason of its position, is a most important strategical point, and has also been prominent for its commerce. It was a centre of communication between the eastern and western country, as well as a fortress to ward off barbarians. Trebizond, another important point, is less than a week's march distant and when that point is gained the way lies open by water route into the heart of Europe. Upon the other side of Erzerum caravan routes radiate into Syria, Persia and the Far East.

When this war opened, the general impression was that it would be largely confined to operations in Europe, but the fact that one of its most impressive triumphs has occurred within a few miles of Mount Ararat indicates the immense spread of territory which has already felt the tread of armed men.

### CANADA AND A TRADE ALLIANCE.

Mr. Bonar Law has intimated that the Premier of Australia, Mr. Hughes, is shortly to arrive in England, and it is suggested in the Canadian Gazette that Sir Robert Borden might also go to England, in order that there would be joint consultation concerning the resolution which was unanimously adopted by the British House of Commons relating to imperial trade.

The resolution of the British House suggested that a policy be devised for the economic unity of the British Empire, and for economic association with France, Russia, Italy and the Allies generally concerned against the common enemy. The proposals have to do with the combatting of Germany following the war.

For the present German trade is completely cut off from these countries, and the question arises as to what may be expected to take place when at length peace has been signed. Particularly in the event of an inconclusive peace would a trade agreement between the Allied countries appear to be desirable, for it would then become necessary for the Allies to prevent Germany from attaining fresh strength with which to make war a second time.

Britain upon her own part, with her colonies acting in concert, could outstrip Germany in a commercial race. Her great preponderance in shipping would be the most influential factor in this regard, for it would insure to herself and colonies a virtual monopoly of the carrying trade. But if we add to this evident strategic advantage commercially which is possessed by the British Empire, the strength that would be obtained from a trade union of some kind among the Allies, to the disadvantage of Germany, the position of the Teutonic countries would be hopeless.

### A SPLENDID BATTALION.

The 140th Battalion which, last night, was officially turned over to Lieut. Col. Lewis H. Beer, of Charlottetown, the new commanding officer, already contains a fine collection of virile young Canadians and is likely to prove the equal of any unit sent from New Brunswick for overseas service. There was some hope that the 140th and the 104th might have been combined into a two battalion regiment under the command of Lieut. Col. George W. Fowler, who has been very largely instrumental in recruiting them and bringing them up to their present state of efficiency but the Militia Department did not permit this to be done and the result is that they will go to the front as separate and distinct organizations although bound to each other by more than ordinary ties of affection.

Lieut. Col. Beer, the new commanding officer of the 140th, gets a fine command and the men in his battalion in turn secure a highly competent officer who has already made an enviable record for himself on the field of battle. His appointment comes as the direct reward of meritorious service. Now that the 140th has been officially organized with its own approved establishment of officers its development and career will be watched with even keener interest.

### WASHINGTON AND THE GERMANS

An indication of the American view of the activities of German sympathizers as manifested in recent occurrences in Brooklyn and elsewhere is found in the New York Herald. The Herald, which has been a consistent advocate of the adoption of a strong position by the authorities at Washington, advises the United States government to "cease talking" but to "act." The Herald says:

"Is it mere coincidence that the 'frightfulness' which finds expression in a great steamship fire in Brooklyn, in the discovery of fire on board the Veendyk, which started for Rotterdam from this port on Monday, and in the effort to set fire to the steamship Dalton at Philadelphia, comes just when Germany believed the United States to be hypnotized by a 'substantially in accord' Lusitania settlement, and when it believed this country was firmly tied to its 'logical corollary' programme of piracy?

"Coincidences of that kind do not come of their own sweet will. This succession of startling crimes can have only one meaning—that the order has gone forth for renewal of the war upon the United States, which was 'verboten' temporarily for diplomatic purposes.

"A Washington despatch to the Herald indicates that the administration has at last waked up to the magnitude of the danger into which it was being rapidly led by its recognition of Count von Bernstorff as Ambassador, not of Germany but of the German vote, and there has been an 'about face.' High time!

"High time, too, for Washington to wake up to the menace of this renewal of 'frightfulness' within the borders of this country. It is the immediate duty of the responsible officials of this government to learn, if they do not know, who is Von Papen's successor as chief of staff in this campaign against the United States. Where is the directing head? Is it in the German Embassy at Washington, in the German Hall of Columbia University, in some other of our universities—where? And who is footing the bills now that Von Papen has been removed from the scene of his former activities?

"The war is the war of Wilhelm the Nihilist. He cannot be reached, but his agents in this country, some of them in high places, can.

"Wake up, Washington!"

## TWO N.B. MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Feb. 19—The casualty list issued at midnight is very short, containing in all only fourteen names, and gives no indication of what battalions took part in the gallant stand made a few days ago by the Canadians against the German onslaught at Ypres.

Included in the list are the names of two New Brunswick men, Lance Corp. Byron P. Freer, care Geo. Waller, Hampton, N. B., is reported wounded. He is a member of the Tenth Battalion. The other New Brunswick man is Joseph Howe, St. Mary's, N. B., a member of the Fifty-fifth Battalion, who is reported seriously ill.

### AIDS WAR SUFFERERS

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## ON ICE TRACK AT WOODSTOCK

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Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 18—The weekly speedway today resulted as follows:

Class A—Pace

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| Betty L, (Herb. Lindsay) | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Barney Bourbon (H.W.Cowan) | 2 | 2 | 2 | |

Time—33, 33½, 34½.

Class B—Pace

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| Roxey D, (E. Philips) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Dan, (J. H. Dewitt) | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Jericho, Jr., (H. Hopkins) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

Time—34, 33¼, 35, 34.

Class A—Trot

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lady Belmar (J. W. Gallagher) | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Rox (F. H. J. Dibblee) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Time—36, 34½, 37, 35½, 35¾.

Starter—R. E. Hamilton.

Timer—F. L. Thompson.

Judges—W. F. Bolger, Frank McRae, F. L. Thompson.


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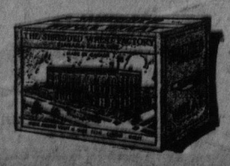


## Little Benny's Note Book

My cussin Sue was arround at our house yestidday, and ma gave us bech a sent and I was taking her a wawk so I woodent haft to play with her, and we passed a man diggin a hole with a vest and a bloo shert on, and we startid to watch him, and he kepp on digging, and after a wile I sed, Wats you digging, Mister.

Im digging a subway to China, but I dont hardly bleeve Ill finish it today, its getting pritty neer time for lunteh alreddy, sed the man.

Is that your lunteh kettle over thare behind that tree, I sed.

It sure is, sed the man.

Its pritty far away, aint it, I sed.

I got my eye on it, sed the man.

And he kepp on digging the hole, and I kepp on standing thare watching him, and after a wile I sed, But even if you resly wunted to, you coodent resly dig a hole to China, cood you, mister.

Ware thares a will thares a way, sed the man. And he kep on digging, and jest then I looked over and her Sue was setting down with her back agenst the tree eeting the mans lunteh, and I quick went over, saying, Hay, put that down, put that down.

Thats wat Im doing, sed Sue.

Dont you no he can have us arrested for this, I sed. And Sue quick put back the rest of the sandwitch she was eeting, and I sed, you better put your sent in the kettle so he can buy sumthing elts.

You put yours in, to, you were with me, sed Sue. And we both put our sents in the kettle on top of the peece of sandwitch and the haff peece of cake that Sue hadent ate, and ran home, and Sue ate about twise as mutch supper as I did, having a fearse appertite for a geri. Proving the man dident have his eye on the kettle after all.

## COLORED MAID ADMITS KILLING MRS. MATTHEWS

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Isabella Domician, a Martinique negress, has admitted having murdered Mrs. Kate Matthews in her home at 726 Shuter St. She was taken before Judge Saint-Cyr this afternoon, and, while she was not arraigned for murder, she confessed to the murder.

Her story in a few words was:

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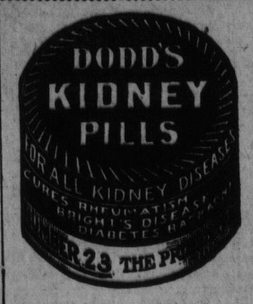


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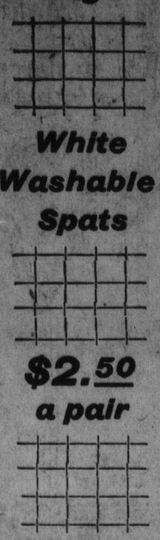

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