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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1918.

"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 GIANTIC BATTLE.

The French press continues to view with calm confidence the developments of the gigantic battle which has been going on for a week. This confidence is based on all the experiences of this war. Each time the Germans have attempted a movement of troops in the West, their efforts, after a certain amount of success, has ended by being broken against the barrier of the allied armies. The German example before all minds is that of the Marne, where Germany had every advantage on her side, thanks to her preparation, to the superiority of her man power and her heavy artillery and her hidden attack across violated Belgium, but she was defeated. Today she is fighting against the powerful Franco-British armies, accustomed to war and well supplied. Her effort will again be stopped. Such is the firm and calm conviction of allied opinion everywhere. The Echo De Paris points out in these terms all that depends at this moment upon the allied armies:

"Let one reflect upon these simple words, 'we turn civilization.' They signify that in our political and private life, contrary to what our enemy has done, we have not subordinated everything to the supreme end of military attacks or defense. We have given more place to liberty of inclination and the fancy of each individual. We have attached more value to moral virtues than to moral tones. Thus we have been able to found a society more broadly and truly human than that of our enemies."

The Echo De Paris affirms that after four years of war the armies of western civilization are well prepared for the supreme test. But it adds: "One must more than ever secure perfect co-ordination of the forces of the nations fighting for liberty. To further present events, it concludes, complete unity of military, political and economic command must be realized. The last few days have again proved that on this condition we shall win."

The Figaro says: "We should succeed today in stalling German war methods. However the history of all this war brings out the weakness of the brutal tactics which have brought such striking success to the Germans at the beginning of their offensives. It is always a question of startling and intimidating the adversary. Now our English friends and ourselves, hard as the blows have been, have experienced no feeling of depression. Ill luck has always strengthened the will and reaffirmed courage. The spirit of the Marne and the spirit of Verdun."

Home Libre states: "It is, then, the decisive phase, perhaps even the final phase, of the war. These furious battles are deciding the fate of the world. Afterwards the war can continue. Still at the same time it will be eventually over because whatever happens the Germans effort will have done all it can, while we remain strong with increasing forces which will be added each hour of the struggle."

The following quotation from the Pett Parish will help to strengthen the calmness and confidence of the French: "Even though the sun be clouded, it cannot be considered alarming. Let us await the end with confidence. The Germans boast of Hindenburg. We have at the helm the saviour of Verdun." (General Petain, the French commander-in-chief, was in command of the army at Verdun at the time of the German offensive there.)

EMOTIONALISM RUN MAD.

The stories circulated here at home that our soldiers abroad are succumbing to disease, liquor, and dejection, are part of the subtle pro-German propaganda which is spread in this country for only one purpose. That purpose is to alarm the parents of our boys and to discourage more Americans from going to France.

This statement is taken from an address delivered to the Lawyers' Club of New York, by Mr. James A. Whitmore, a field agent of the National War Work Council, recently returned from France. According to the report of his speech printed in The New York Tribune, Mr. Whitmore praised the conduct of the American overseas troops, and continued:

No doubt many American parents have been made uneasy by this German propaganda that our boys in France are addicted to all sorts of immorality. Let me cite an instance to set them at ease. In Paris the Y. M. C. A. has charge of a hotel where 350 soldiers are accommodated nightly. Most of the men who sleep there come to Paris on leave and can do as they please. I was ten days in that hotel, and never among the 350 Americans accommodated nightly did I see one man come in under

the influence of liquor. As for their physical condition, the American troops are as clean and healthy a body of men as you could find anywhere in the world.

There has been a suspicion all along that the enemy has been largely responsible for the slanders upon Canadian soldiers which have been spread broadcast in this country. The extracts quoted from Mr. Whitmore's address indicate that this suspicion has been well founded. The pity of it is that a cunning foe is able to enlist many well-meaning reformers in his campaign. Few, if any, of these reformers are conscious that they are being used as a part of the Kaiser's machine for the overthrow of democracy. It is none the less true, that men like Capt. Bailey have done a great deal to injure the allied cause in this country. Their sin is emotionalism run mad.

HOW TO GROW POTATOES.

When three hundred and thirty-two years ago, Sir Walter Raleigh introduced the potato from this continent into Ireland, nobody could have foreseen or imagined the immense part that it would come to play in feeding the world. It was nearly eighty years before the Royal Society of England took up the cultivation of the potato as a cheap food in case of famine. In another eighty years, famine in Scotland brought the potato into extensive notice as a cheap article of food. Another thirty years saw France taking notice of its value. Mr. W. T. Macoun, the Dominion Horticulturist, briefly explains all this in a hundred-page bulletin recently issued by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, in which is also given complete and comprehensive information as to the cultivation of the potato. Mr. Macoun goes fully into his subject, dealing with the preparation of the soil, the varieties of seedlings, of the manner and method of planting, of protection against insect pests and diseases, of the time to plant, of the districts best suited to the different varieties, of the care that should be taken during growth, and of garnering, storing, and shipping.

Particulars are also given of the results of experiments and tests made at the experimental farms and stations throughout the Dominion. In short, pretty well everything in the shape of information that is of value to potato growers with many exact and interesting illustrations, is to be found in this bulletin that can be had free on addressing the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The Soldiers' Comforts Association in carrying on their praiseworthy efforts in behalf of the men at the front recently decided in favor of a tag day as a money raising idea. In this undertaking they have secured the co-operation of the commercial travellers of the city, a body of men whose energy has in the past found vent in numerous patriotic and charitable enterprises, and who bring to everything with which they associate themselves an enthusiasm and whole-heartedness which guarantee success. The coming tag day, which has been fixed for Saturday of this week, is for a most praiseworthy cause. It will undoubtedly meet with a very generous response for such an undertaking affords opportunity to those who do not feel able to subscribe large amounts to the various other lists open from time to time. Everyone has a chance to do a little.

"The true Englishman ever grumbles, but when he grumbles he is not dangerous. The danger lies in the silent Englishman."—Moncton Transcript.

We have long known that Mr. Hawke is not dangerous.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RULE OF THE ROAD.
A Question of Veracity.
To the Editor of The Standard:
Sir—I have read Judge Savary's letter with a good deal of surprise. I pass by his modest disclaimer in regard to his standing as an historian. There was no irony whatever in what I said in this relation, as you know quite well, Mr. Editor,—but what amazes me is that the judge should so soon have forgotten stating that the Loyalists first introduced the "pass to the left" practice into these provinces, and the harshness of his language towards myself for repeating this statement in his authority. Here are his words, taken from a letter he wrote to the Annapolis Royal Spectator, and which appeared in that paper on the 31st January, 1818: "The Loyalists brought the English rule to the Mar-

time Provinces, where I hope it will remain."
I leave it to your readers to decide whether the use I made of this statement from so good an authority was not absolutely honest and proper, instead of the reverse of this, as Judge Savary would now have them suppose. Yours, etc.,
NOVA SCOTIA.
March 23, 1918.

A BIT OF VERSE

JUST THINKING.
Standing up here on the fire-step
Looking ahead in the mist,
With a tin hat over my ivory
And a rifle clutched in my fist;
Watin' and watchin' and waitin'
If the Hun comin' over tonight—
Say, aren't the things you think of
Enough to give you a fright?
Things you ain't even thought of
For a couple o' months or more;
Things that will set you laughin',
Things that will make you cry;
Things that you saw in the movies,
Things that you saw on the street,
Things that you're really proud of,
Things that are dot so sweet.

PROVINCES CUT

After this week the entire Maritime Provinces will be cut off from a steamship service with Boston and the merchants in Nova Scotia will suffer even more than those in New Brunswick. The last steamer of the line to run between Boston and Yarmouth, the steamer Governor Cobb, has been taken over by the United States Government. This ship will leave Boston on Friday and sails on return trip from Yarmouth on Saturday, making the last trip.

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As far as can be learned there are no steamers available to put on the Yarmouth-Boston route.

OBITUARY.
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The death of Mrs. Tillatson Dykeman occurred at her residence, Jemseg, on Tuesday, March 26. Mrs. Dykeman underwent an operation about three weeks ago but never rallied. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn five sons, A. L., principal of the Alexandra school O. S., wholesale merchant, Simonds street; Ralph and Ford of Dykeman Bros., Adelaide street, and Grover, at home; and daughters, Mrs. H. C. Taylor of this city and Mrs. Leslie Colwell of Jemseg; three brothers, Rev. W. Camp of Campbellton, and John and Harry Camp of Woodstock; two sisters, Mrs. D. White of Miramichi and Mrs. Watt of this city.

Mrs. Dykeman was of a beautiful Christian character. When a little girl she became a member of the Jemseg Baptist church and always retained her Christian principles in her home and outside life. The funeral service will be held this afternoon at her late residence and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown, pastor of the Jemseg church. The family have the deep sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

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SHIPBUILDING CO. AND COMMISSIONERS HOLD CONFERENCE.
Thomas Nagle and Engineer Chase Talk Matters Over With Common Council—Commissioners Assured that Company Means Business.
A conference was held yesterday morning between the members of the city council and Thomas Nagle and Engineer Chase representing the St. John Shipbuilding Co. with regard to what assistance the council might be willing to grant to an industry of this kind.

Mr. Nagle assured the council that his company meant business and had the necessary capital to go ahead with the work. It was their intention to build steel ships, and they would build as many as they could obtain plates for. If satisfactory arrangements can be made the plant will be erected at

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BY LEE PAPE.
We was eating breakfast this morning, the dining room being all dark on account of the sun not shining and the sky looking as if it was going to snow or something, and all of a sudden pop sed, Ha ha ha, listen to wat it see in the paper, fair and warmer, ha, ha ha, fair and warmer today, if the rest of us didn't know our, binias any better than the weather man knows his, the world wud be in a state of Kayos, ha ha ha, fair and warmer.
If the weather prediction ever turned out rite the weather man wud properly die of hart failure, sed ma.
I guess they must hold an examination for weather men, and the one that knows the least gets the position. I gess, sed my sister Gladie.
Fair and warmer, ha ha ha, sed pop, if I was that weather man the first thing I wud do wud be to resign.
Which jest then the sun came out strong as anything and the dining room got all lite and warm and I went to the window and looked up at the sky and extra it was pritty near all blue already and I sed, G. Its fair and warmer after all, he was rite enyway, wassent he pop? wassent he, ma?
Well, I suppose if a man keeps on gessing long enuff he cant help hitting it rite sooner or later, sed pop.
A persin canj be rong all the time, no matter how hard they try, sed ma.
I suppose the weather man will be more surprized than enybody, sed Gladie.
Proving some people never get credit.

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PTE. J. L. JACOBSON, A GERMAN, FOUGHT FOR OLD ENGLAND

Returned Hero Arrives in the City Wounded—"I Fought for Old England and I'm Proud of Her," Said the Soldier.
"I'm German, but I fought for old England and I'm proud of her," stated Pte. J. L. Jacobson to a Standard representative last night at the discharge depot. The returned man said that his father and mother were both born in Germany, but his home was on the Gaspe coast. In the family there were sixteen children, fourteen boys and two girls. Five of the boys have been killed in France in the present struggle, three are still forcing the Germans to give up ground, one is in the ranks of the American army, another with the Australians, and one an invalid at home. Two of the boys gave up their lives in the South African war. Pte. Jacobson is a strapping big fellow and has been at the front since the initial battle took place. He enlisted in the 9th Battalion in the west and went across in the first contingent. His experiences at the front were sufficient to kill a dozen men. Four times he was buried by bursting shells, but on each occasion was dug out of the "bowels" of the earth by friendly hands. He was, on another occasion, proceeding up the line with ammunition in a party of nine. Four times he was in less than ten minutes by the Canadians ninety of the men were wiped out, leaving but five to carry on.

The party of returned men were met at the depot by the 1st Depot Battalion Band and the citizens' reception committee. The following St. John men arrived:
R. Blockerstaff, 238 Wentworth street, W. Burke, Randolph.
O. Beckwith, 17 St. Paul street.
H. Hoffart, 159 Gullford street, West St. John.
E. W. Mills, 63 Ludlow street, West St. John.
E. J. McCarthy, 196 Sydney street.
R. McKay, 274 Main street.
W. McTee, 305 Haymarket Square.
H. Ford, 5 Queen street, West St. John.
E. Huestis, 207 Rockland road.
F. Lawson, 97 Main street.
E. W. O'Connor, Cedar street.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Patterson, who was a Miss Bell of Sussex Corner, has been a resident of Hampton for many years and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. She is survived by her husband, one son, Wilbur, also two sisters, Mrs. J. Patterson and Mrs. McArthur of Sussex, two brothers, Mr. Thomas Bell of Sussex and Mr. Andrew Bell of Apohaqui.

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