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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 send to the front means one step nearer peace.

### OUR GREATEST ASSET

A case now before the Circuit Court session serves to attract attention to the urgent necessity of safeguarding the children of this city. Evidence in the case referred to, while revolving in its character, is such as to show that the children concerned in it had strayed far from the narrow path. They can be reclaimed, but it is not true that if their young lives had been surrounded with proper influences they would not be in the unhappy plight in which they are found today.

This is an age of independence and early maturity of thought. The average child of ten or twelve years is different from the child of a decade ago. In their amusements, their reading and their employments, children are allowed latitude unknown in the days of our fathers. In the light of recent events it may well be asked if this tendency to greater leniency is wise.

It may be urged in the case of the children whose experiences are now being investigated by the courts that there is a lack of parental control. Possibly this is true. Possibly, also, there are extenuating circumstances. Certain it is that there is not sufficient control of children found on the streets at night. There has been earnest advocacy of a Children's Aid Society and, doubtless, such an organization would find much scope for its activities. But the commencement and foundation of all successful projects for improving the lot of the child must be found in the home and where proper home influences and control are lacking it should be within the power of the state to intervene and remove the child to a sphere where it would be prepared for its mission as a useful member of society.

We take measures for the preservation and conservation of our forests, our fisheries, our game and our agricultural lands. These are tangible and easily recognizable national assets. But the children, the men and women of tomorrow, are the greatest assets we possess. Are we caring for them as completely and as carefully as the need demands? It has been urged that provision of Children's Homes would involve a greater outlay of money than can be spared, but money does not count in comparison with the welfare of embryonic men and women.

Two things appear to be necessary. First, a closer watch on the children found abroad at night and provision for penalizing parents responsible in such cases. And secondly there is need for a Children's Home, a refuge where the little waifs could be removed from evil influences and set firmly on the path that leads to good citizenship. More or less spasmodic efforts in this direction have been made in the past, but now the problem has developed an urgency that will permit of little delay.

### GREECE MUST ACT.

The statement of the Premier of Greece, though couched in fair language, is not satisfying. Greece, according to him, wishes only to be neutral and thus avoid trouble, but if the statement of the Athens correspondent of the Paris Matin is to be credited the desire to remain at peace cloaks a very active sympathy for Germany. Indeed, that usually well informed newspaper goes so far as to intimate that any serious reverse to Allied arms in the Balkans would bring Greece openly to the side of our enemies.

The realization of such a possibility is to be prevented at all costs and, strangely, the Premier of Greece points the easiest and most effective course that could be taken. He says the navy of Greece is weak and the coast-line enormous. Consequently it should be a simple matter for any one of the Allied powers with warships in the Mediterranean to make a demonstration which would bring Greece to terms, probably without bloodshed.

As far as can be gathered from contradictory reports of the situation, it is not the wish of the Allies that Greece should send soldiers to the front. All that is asked is the continued use of railways and facilities for the transport of troops and supplies over Greek territory, and protection for soldiers driven over her

borders in the stress of conflict. Of course if German, Austrian or Bulgarian troops invaded Greece in reprisal for concessions to the Allies the men of the Hellenic nation would be called upon to repel the invaders. There is, however, little likelihood of that contingency and it does not appear that acquiescence in the demands of the Entente Powers would place Greece in a position at all comparable to that of Belgium or Serbia. Belgium was invaded early in the war and the damage done there by the Huns was mostly accomplished before the British and French armies had been concentrated. Similar tactics could not be successfully carried out today. In the case of Serbia conditions were almost the same but the forces of the Allies now in that country should be sufficiently strong to check any movement having for its object an invasion of Greece.

It is reasonable to believe that the Greek premier over-estimates the danger his country would run by participation in the war on the side of the Allies and also probable that he errs on the other side in counting the advantage which would accrue to his people should prompt action be taken.

Great Britain has always stood for the rights of smaller nations and it is not believed that she could be induced to abandon that position now. At the same time there is much to commend the opinion of those who urge that strong pressure should be brought to bear on King Constantine and his government. Otherwise the consequences may be serious, and Greece herself become the subject of ill treatment at the hands of the Teutons whom she today refuses to fight.

### DOMINION ALLIANCE CLOSSES SESSION AND ELECTS OFFICERS

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, Dec. 7.—The annual convention of the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance, closed here tonight. The Alliance at the closing session arranged for wiping out indebtedness amounting to \$300 which was owing to Rev. R. H. Stavert in connection with his work as field secretary. That amount was owing him when he gave up the position and returned to a pastorate and cash subscriptions and promises were given at the closing session of the convention to square off that account. Another field secretary to carry on organization work will not be named until there is a fund of \$4,000 per annum in sight, the arrangement being to pay the organizer a salary of \$2,000 per year and travelling expenses. The appointment of an organizer is left with the executive.

The Alliance will ask the government when they request prohibition, for the privilege of naming a committee to act with a committee from the executive council in framing the requested prohibitory measure and if the committee who wait upon the government deem it necessary a special session of the New Brunswick branch of the Alliance will be called immediately after the conference with the government.

The Alliance also plans to use all legitimate influence in the primaries to nominate men of sound temperance principles. The following is the complete new slate of officers:  
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### HOW PNEUMONIA STARTS AND HOW OFTEN PREVENTED.

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The Universities' Companies are now well known throughout Canada. A fresh Company is raised, equipped and partially trained about every two months, and it is unnecessary to advertise for recruits inasmuch as each Company is made up of Brothers or Relatives or Friends of those who have joined previous Companies.

The First Company under the command of Captain Gregor Barclay, has joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and has been for some time in the trenches.

The Second Company under command of Captain George McDonald and Captain Percy Molson, is also on the Continent.

The Third Company went overseas about 350 strong, and has gained a golden reputation at Shorncliffe.

The Fourth Company is at full strength and has now embarked. In quality it is in no respect inferior to its predecessors.

A Fifth Company has been authorized, a large number of applicants are on the waiting list, and recruits will be welcomed at Montreal on or after November 27th.

Those who wish to join must receive a rigorous medical examination locally by an Army Medical Officer. Those who are not medically and physically fit are not wanted, so there is a subsequent examination on reaching Montreal. The recruit should also be attested locally before the nearest Justice of the Peace, and transportation to Montreal can be speedily obtained by sending a night lettergram to Captain A. S. Eve, 382 Sherbrooke street, West, Montreal. On arrival the recruit is issued, without delay, his blankets, palliase and uniform, and his training commences on the Campus of McGill University and on the slopes of Mount Royal. As to Barracks the Canadian Northern Land Company loans the headquarters building, McGill University lends the Molson Hall, and the Students not only lend the dormitory of the Union, but also give the soldiers the privileges of the building as though they were students. Moreover the Y. M. C. A. opens its quarters and places the Swimming Pool at their disposal. The training is varied and includes shooting at the C. P. R. Gallery, drill, tactics, bayonet fighting and physical training.

A considerable number of young men who cannot get Commissions in Canada are joining the Universities' Companies with a view to commission in England. About fifty men who joined as Privates, have already been appointed as Officers. Information has been received from London that there is room for 40 or 50 a month if suitable men are forthcoming.

Particulars may be obtained from Captain A. S. Eve, 382 Sherbrooke street, west, Montreal, who is in charge of the Depot.

### ASK THAT MILLION DOLLAR GOLD SHIPMENT BE RESTORED BY BRITAIN

Washington, Dec. 7.—A request for restitution of \$1,000,000 in gold shipped from New York on the Dutch liner Noordam to the Netherlands Overseas Trust and seized by a British cruiser in the North Sea, was made to the British embassy today by a representative of Goldman, Sachs & Company of New York.

Great Britain holds that the gold is contraband, alleging it was intended for use in paying German trade balances. The New York firm maintains it was shipped in the course of regular business.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

ED. WERNICK.

Ed Wernick lives around our way,  
Us fellows call him Dutch.  
He thinks he's an orill lot,  
But he ain't so very much.

Wan thing he thinks is funny  
Is making evrybody stop  
Wen thare playing football in the street.  
By yelling, Cheese it, cop.

And evrybody looks around  
And thare aint a cop in site.  
And evrybody is mad but Ed Wernick,  
And he lafs awl his mite.

Another thing he thinks is funny  
Is saying he will give you the core  
Of a apple he is eating.  
And then not leaving any core.

He also thinks it is funny  
To make a noise like rooibeeer fies,  
Being about the only thing  
He thinks is funny wich is.

He always has a lot of pencils  
Sticking out of his pocket in a line,  
Not being any sense having so many,  
But Ed Wernick thinks thats fine.

He thinks evrything of evrybody elses  
Aint half as good as his,  
Wich if he didnt think he was sutch a orill lot,  
He mite be moar than he is.

lar business with the Holland concern.  
Embassy officials said the incident would have to be taken up through the American government. This will be done.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 7.—After 15 years in the penitentiary for complicity in the Welland Canal dynamite

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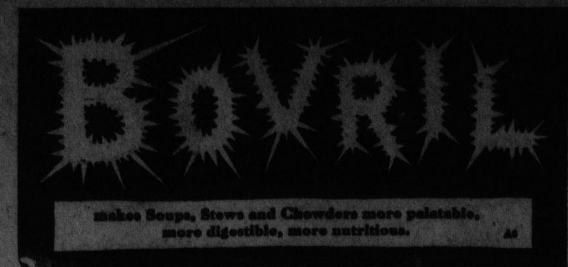
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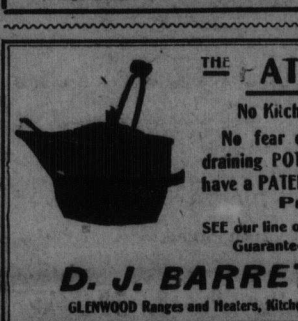
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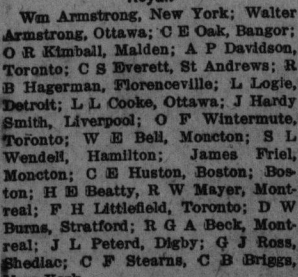
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