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## GERMAN BRUTALITY.

In the British parliament yesterday the inhuman treatment of British prisoners by the Germans was condemned to the world, and denounced by Lord Kitchener himself, as well as by other members of the house of lords and of the house of commons. Canadians are the more interested in this matter of German inhumanity because the British war office states that medical evidence shows that Canadian soldiers have been killed by poisonous gases employed by the Germans. Other Canadian soldiers will exact a heavy toll for the murder of their brothers, and their determination to bear their full share in crushing Germany to the earth will be strengthened and intensified by their knowledge of the treatment meted out by German soldiers to their prisoners, even to men suffering from wounds. This appears to be a war of devils so far as Germany is concerned, and the manner in which they are fighting, and their treatment of prisoners, following what they did to old men and priests and women and children in Belgium and France in the early days of the war, makes us tremble at what may happen when the scene of the fighting is transferred to German soil, and the spirit of revenge animates the soldiers of the allied armies. It may be hoped that the British and Canadians, and indeed all of the Allies, will show the world a fitting contrast by their kindly treatment of all non-combatants, but neither Germany nor the world need be greatly surprised if here and there a soldier, stung by the memory of German brutality to those he loved, forgets himself and wreaks vengeance without very much regard to age or sex or anything but the nationality of the victim. Germany has introduced into this war a savagery which Lord Kitchener well says would vie with the barbarism of the Dervishes of Sudan. His lordship told the house of lords yesterday that he had been very reluctant to believe that prisoners had been maltreated, but indisputable evidence had been received that British prisoners in German hands had not only been stripped and abused, but shot in cold blood. Wounded men had been wantonly massacred, and even struck. The Hague Convention had been flagrantly disregarded by German officers. While for the most part the wounded in German hospitals were fairly treated, Lord Kitchener says there have been indications of a lack of medical skill, and also of neglect and indifference on the part of hospital orderlies. This is in striking contrast to the British hospitals, which have been declared by an American observer to be providing the best service in the world.

Mr. Winston Churchill has given notice to Germany that no reprisals which she may threaten or may take against British officers will deter the British government from branding as it deserves the submarine warfare which "wantonly kills non-combatants, neutrals and women on the high seas." He adds, however, that while these prisoners from German submarines are not treated as ordinary prisoners their treatment is humane in every way, and the government has offered to permit a representative of the United States to visit them after he has visited British prisoners in Germany, and report to the world what he finds.

## THE MEN IN KHAKI.

The Times has not hesitated to criticize the conduct of those soldiers who have disgraced the king's uniform by getting drunk and conducting themselves in such a manner as to bring them into the police court. Happily, however, the number of such men in the ranks is so extremely small that it would be most unfortunate if a feeling of prejudice in the public mind toward the whole battalion were created. Probably before six months are over the citizens of St. John will be describing these very men as heroes, and some of them martyrs, in a righteous cause, bringing fame to Canada, as it has been brought within the last week by other men who were quartered in St. John only a few months ago, and some of whom will not return. By all means let the police and military authorities come to an understanding that will prevent any regrettable incidents while the men are here, chasing to be away to the front where their brothers are fighting so gloriously for Canada and the Empire. But let us be very careful to remember that these men in khaki are preparing to do the one thing that needs to be done and the one thing that will save Canada and the Empire.

The cry is for men and more men, and only the other day Lord Kitchener said that "the time would come and sooner than some people expected when he would ask for additional and redoubled sacrifices." Lord Derby, commenting on this statement yesterday, said: "I am an advocate of national service, and I believe a compulsory demand will be made very soon on the men of this country." The seriousness of this statement should not be lost upon us, nor should we forget that the men who are described as have fought like lions and hunted back the German wedge at a critical moment in the great battle north of Ypres, suffering casualties which a London cable estimates at two thousand, were just such men as those who march to the sound of the drum through our city streets today, and who are not only ready but eager to go forward to fight not less gloriously against a foe which threatens the very existence of the British Empire.

## THE Y. M. C. A.

It was an inspiring sight last evening to see such a large number of young men, with a sprinkling of older men, at the banquet closing the season of the physical culture department of the Y. M. C. A. That institution could be made of very much greater value in its physical department to the young men and boys and also to the older men of the city, if they would avail themselves of its privileges. President J. Hunter White suggested that the Y. M. C. A. might very properly become a clearing house for all kinds of clean, amateur athletic sports. The institution is without an athletic field, and until the great playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park is put in condition the city must suffer a great handicap. It is undoubtedly true with regard to the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium and baths that the business men of the city are losing a fine opportunity to keep themselves in good physical condition by failing to avail themselves of those facilities, open to the direction of the physical director concerning whom so many pleasant things were said last evening. Dr. George A. Smith of Montreal, who gave the chief address last evening, very properly emphasized the fact that the men who are best fitted to do the world's work are the men who have not forgotten how to play, and who take care to get away from their offices and their business for a little time every day to take such exercise of one kind or another in the open air or in a well ventilated gymnasium as will keep them in the best physical condition. Having such an institution as the Y. M. C. A. John citizens of St. John should make the largest possible use of the fine plant which is at their disposal.

The news of the serious wounding of Major C. J. Meserve is heard with the deepest regret in this city and province. He had many friends throughout the province and all will hope for his recovery.

The Borden government is still discussing the question of the general elections. The Hon. Robert Rogers is determined to force an appeal to the people, because he thinks the chances are better now than they will be later; and to the mind of a machine politician there is nothing in the world so important as getting a new lease of power, with its opportunities for the thrifty grafter.

The executive committee of the Conservative party in Mr. Garland's constituency met yesterday to decide whether he should again be a Conservative candidate after having been read out of the party by Sir Robert Borden. The majority were in favor of retaining Mr. Garland, but it was decided to interview Sir Robert Borden before calling a convention to put him in nomination. If Mr. J. K. Fleming is a good enough Conservative candidate for Sir Robert Borden he should not hesitate to swallow Mr. Garland. It is an interesting commentary, however, on the condition into which the Conservative party in the various constituencies has fallen when the claims of such men as Fleming and Garland to occupy representative positions are considered for a moment. Mr. A. DeWitt Foster has at least had the grace to resign his seat in parliament, and it had been hoped that Mr. Garland would do the same. He, however, and the majority of the executive behind him, believe that he not only should not resign but should be re-nominated.

A fearful story was told to City Seal-Janssen by a dealer in the jewelry business. He exhibited the weight which he had been using on his scales all winter in reselling his junk and said that the weight belonged to another scale, and although marked "200" it held the beam down to 200. All winter, he said, he had been giving double weight.

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## LIGHTER VEIN.

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His Wife—"Darling, do you think hoop-skirts will ever come in again?"

Her Husband—"Not in this apartment, love."

Concerned.

Private Smith (getting anxious over the non-arrival of a German attack which his company had been told to expect)—"Hope nothing's happened to the blighters!"

No Duplicates.

Customer—"Waiter, this is the first tender steak I've had in my shop."

Waiter—"My goodness! You must have got the gun's fork."

America's first savings bank was started in Philadelphia and that institution is now one of the largest in the United States.

The Veiled Women.

Young Tur—"The haven women throughout the nation are making a threatening anti demonstration."

Grand Vicar—"More of those veiled threats, eh?"

Of Course.

Oh, e'en the meekest man will say, When speaking of bad people, "they"; And then, contrariwise, will he, When speaking of the good, say "we!"

Family Routine.

The new vicar was making pastoral calls in his parish, and stopped to converse with a small boy at the garden gate.

"And where does your father go on Sundays, my little man?"

"Well, on fine Sundays he goes golfing, and on wet Sundays he turns us all out to church so he can have a bit of peace in the house."

Probably He Was Bluffing.

"Is he rich?"

"I didn't think so, but he must be."

"Why?"

"I heard him say the other night that he lets his wife have all the money she wants."

"Are you going to the fancy dress ball?"

"Oh, yes."

"What garb?"

"I shall wear one of the quaint old costumes of 1908."—Kansas City Journal.

A German who fought on the Aisne,

Went out for a stroll in the rain, but a seven pound shell

Sent him promptly to—well,

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Allen, an enthusiastic motorist, was speaking to his friend Maude in relation to the slowness of a certain young man at proposing.

"Charlie seems to start easy," she remarked, "and he speeds up well; but just at the critical moment he always slows down."

A man had been asked before a magistrate for not supporting his wife, or some such offense.

"But let me see," the justice said, "aren't you the man who was married in a cage of wild man-eating tigers and leopards?"

"Yes, Your Honor," said the man, "was the reply."

"Exciting, wasn't it?"

"Well, Your Honor," said the man, "it seemed so then. It wouldn't now!"

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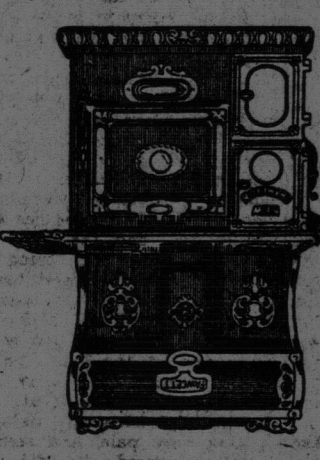
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This was the gospel of play as preached by Dr. George A. Smith, physical director of the Montreal Y. M. C. A. at the gymnasium banquet of the local Y. M. C. A. last evening. Dr. Smith's address came at the close of an interesting programme and was most inspiring and helpful.

While Dr. Smith held out the ideal of

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President—J. Hunter White.

First vice-president—R. T. Hayes.

Secretary—H. Lester Smith.

Literary correspondent—Rev. J. J. McCaskill.

Treasurer—Horace A. Porter.

Finance committee—William Brodie, James Jack, H. O. McInerney.

Executive committee—A. M. Belding, W. J. S. Myles, C. W. Romans, A. H. Wetmore, Sheriff Wilson, and all past presidents.

The meeting was held in the board of school trustees' room, Hazen avenue, and was well attended. The secretary, H. Lester Smith, and Rev. J. J. McCaskill, literary correspondent, presented their annual reports and a discussion followed on them.

Mr. Smith reported that the present membership is 444 and he gave a brief synopsis of the work of the past year.

He spoke of the hopes that are entertained for the coming year and of the prospects of an exceptionally active twelvemonth.

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