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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 WAR SITUATION.

It is now reported that the Russians are on the offensive from the Baltic to the Roumanian border and, as well, are making necessary preparations to prevent the Germans from stealing a march by any attempt to invade Finland as a counterstroke to Muscovite activities against Austria-Hungary. Military observers concede that the most momentous struggle on the Russian front is that raging in the Carpathians where, for a distance of fifty or sixty miles, the Czar's troops are making mighty efforts to pour armies through the passes and on to the plains of Hungary. Once firmly established on the Hungarian side of the Carpathians, and with their lines of communication guarded against any possible attack, the Russians will become indubitably masters of the eastern situation. The advance through Hungary can then be undertaken on a scale sufficiently broad to sweep away all opposition and bring the Austro-Hungarian troops to a point where, it is believed, authorities at Vienna will be very willing to conclude a separate peace, leaving Germany to finish her struggle alone.

Before that time arrives it is regarded as likely that the Allied fleets will have succeeded in forcing the Dardanelles, and Turkey will be on the point of withdrawing from the war. In the meantime the stage has been set for the British and French advances in the western arena. Troops have been concentrated and the preparations for what Lord Kitchener, speaking from the British standpoint, says will be "the beginning of the war," are it is believed, well advanced.

The end of the conflict, of course, is not expected to come with the first advance. There will be hard fighting and plenty of it after the Allied forces have crossed the German frontier, and while they are making their way toward the great cities of Germany. There are those who believe that once an invading army is on her own territory and her cities and towns are endangered Germany will be willing to make peace and to save her civil population from experiences similar to those of the Belgians, but against this view must be placed the certain knowledge that Germany for months has realized that a great part of the struggle must be fought out on her own soil and has made preparations to put up a strong resistance. It must not be forgotten, however, that because of their inability to import much needed supplies the German people have been already reduced to serious straits. There is absolute hunger and industrial stagnation in all the great German cities and a growing discontent amongst the populace. Men idle and hungry have little stomach for fighting, especially as they must now see inevitable defeat facing them. It would not be surprising if it should be found that internal disaffection will play as large a part as any other factor in the ending of this war and the downfall of the Prussian power.

WILL SHE COME OUT?

The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz stiel Friedrich, which, because of her speed, achieved more than a little success as a raider of British merchant steamers in the South Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, is at present in Newport News where, she made necessary repairs and took on coal. According to the laws governing vessels of belligerent powers she must leave that port within a certain time and it is believed she is nearing the limit of her stay. There is, of course, an alternative, but a distasteful one. The cruiser can disarm, her officers and men may remain within the borders of the United States until after the war, and the ship herself be laid up in Newport News. On the cessation of hostilities she would then return to Germany to resume her usual occupation of a peaceful merchant vessel. If she attempts to get out at the expiration of her time limit, she will probably meet disaster, for it is reported that British and French war vessels are patrolling the district outside the three-mile limit and the first sign of the Prinz Friedrich will mean fight.

If the German commander of the big

ship possesses the hardihood of the captain of the Emden he will make the attempt, even though it costs him his ship and his life or liberty. If he does he will probably go down fighting. If he has a business man's regard for the value of ship and equipment he will submit to the American regulations and intern his vessel. In that case the services of ship and crew would be lost to Germany until after the war, while the war vessels now on watch outside the three-mile limit would be relieved for service elsewhere.

American newspapers of the last two or three days report that the Eitel Friedrich has completed her repairs and is taking on coal which leads to the opinion that Commander Thierckens may trust to the admitted speed of his vessel and his own ingenuity to carry him safely past the watchers. If so the North Atlantic is likely to be the scene of a brief naval engagement, while Germany will mark up another of her ships of war sent to join the Scharnhorst, the Gneisenau and the Emden.

VIOLET DAY

Citizens will be appealed to today to support the public playgrounds by purchasing souvenir violets, the proceeds from the sale of which will be devoted to this very excellent charity. On Thursday afternoon those who saw the great procession of children, were confronted by a forcible and novel demonstration of the importance of all child welfare work, while those who have interested themselves in the playground movement have been furnished with abundant evidence of the value of what is being accomplished through that medium.

The Standard believes that supervised playgrounds, like kindergarten effort, should be made a part of the educational system and supported by the municipality and province, but the time for that is hardly ripe. Failing this it is the duty of all citizens to give as liberally as their means will allow in order that the work being carried on among the children of the city shall progress and develop.

Our people have had many extraordinary calls made upon their purses as the result of conditions created by the war and Canada's participation in it. It is desirable that generous aid should be given to all patriotic movements but it is also of importance that the children of our own city, the men and women of tomorrow, should not be neglected.

The latest estimate is that the National Transcontinental Railway, the Laurier graft road, when completed, without taking into account certain interest items will have cost the sum of \$179,586,000 and the Quebec bridge which must be completed to connect the two sections of the road will have cost \$27,000,000 more. The total cost of both, excluding certain interest charges, will be quite \$206,000,000 or more. The amount of money stolen or wasted in the construction of the N. T. R. would be more than sufficient to pay the whole cost of Canadian participation in the Empire war.

Lt-Col. Hurdman of the Canadian Militia Department, who it is alleged passed as satisfactory inferior binoculars and was to have received a rake-off on the deal has been suspended pending a thorough enquiry. It is interesting to note that this gentleman was appointed to the Canadian Militia Department in 1904 during the regime of that eminent and high minded patriot, Sir Frederick Borden.

Judging from the results of those investigations in Ottawa the good Grit fishermen including New Brunswick's own Mr. Carvell who started out to catch whales found only minnows coming to their hook. The biggest fish offering were Grits or Grit appointees to public office and then the anglers, like the partisan fishermen they are deemed it wise to move the hook and probe very lightly. A clear case of much smoke and little fire.

In an editorial dealing with "city matters" the Telegraph actually refers to "one of the discouraging features of the situation." "The present trouble," and sees "fresh proof of the

need for greater interest in their own affairs by the taxpayers of St. John." And this under commission? Impossible. Can it be that the Telegraph is commencing to see a great light?

Mr. Carvell will have a little talk-fest at Andover on Monday evening. He will then have an opportunity of repeating the remarks he made regarding Sir John French, and can also present to the people of Carleton-Victoria his revised opinions concerning the Canadian soldiers and the emergency. But it is safe to say Mr. Carvell won't.

With a world war raging in Europe, hostile forces threatening each other in Mexico, and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Willard arbitrating their claims by the fistie method in Havana, Easter Monday promises to be filled with developments of interest to fight fans.

The Call of the Boy

By Charles C. Keith.

We have heard about tariff and taxes. And problems of ruling the state; We know all about parties and platforms. And politics little and great. But midst all the din and confusion Of struggles for riches and joy Have you heard the new note that is sounding Have you heard the call of the boy?

Louder and louder we hear it. A cry from the home that we view. A call from the man in the making Commanding attention from you. It tells of the training of leaders And this is the call we enjoy: It tells of defeat at the outset. 'Tis a pretty grim call from the boy.

It shows us a home life repulsive. Made worse by the demon of drink. With children existing, not living. What chance for a boy do you think? Yet bravely he battles—a hero. And greets us with manifest joy When we conquer the pride that is stubborn. And answer the call of the boy.

The scene of our story has shifted. It is night, and a boy has left home; He meets the gang down at the corner Where evils unspeakable roam. Then actions take place that are tragic. For wild, reckless pleasure decoys; And souls that were white have been darkened. 'Tis a pitiful call from our boys.

And we who are grown must remember. When tempted to watch them askew. That most boys who go wrong are not vicious. And all they ask is a chance. Just a chance to make good in the battle. Amid all the strife and the noise, They are pleading for this—will you grant it? Will you answer the call of the boys? —BOYS' CLUBS.

MOTOR SHOW WAS A SUCCESS

Latest models were shown to many visitors from all parts of the province.

The motor show, which is being conducted under the auspices of the St. John Automobile Trade Association, Ltd., will come to a close tonight, after running for three days. The association members are comprised of all the chief dealers in cars, tires and accessories in the city, having been unable to procure a suitable building in the city to have the latest exhibits all in one place it was found necessary for dealers to show their cars, tires, etc., in their different warehouses and the venture has proved a grand success.

A large number of car owners, intending purchasers, and others interested in the automobile have visited the city and right in St. John they have all been able to look over the 1915 models without going to the big automobile shows in Upper Canada or the United States. The officials of the association are: F. W. Coombs, president; W. J. McAlary, vice-president; Morris Coll, secretary, and G. H. Lounsbury, treasurer.

The dealers and their assistants were kept busy yesterday showing the visitors the latest designs and demonstrating the new models. The improvement in the cars for 1915 over previous years has been considerable. Among the dealers who have reported sales and have had many prospects for other sales have been those handling the Ford, Studebaker and Hupmobile cars. A visit to the warehouses where these cars are being exhibited will prove most interesting. Dealers in other cars also report good business.

In the tire line the Dunlop, Goodyear and Firestone agencies had many callers and these standard lines of tires were highly spoken of. This afternoon at three o'clock the dealers with their latest designs will give a street parade through the streets of the city when some of the finest cars that have ever been brought into the city will be seen. Last night the association entertained the visitors at Wanamaker's Japanese rooms. President Coombs presided and the cabaret troupe from

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Me and Pop was taking a wawk today, not going anyware spehili, and who calm up to pop but a grate big man without any collar and tye awn and a cap pulled ovir his eyes, looking pritty tuft, and he sed to pop, warden me, ruvner, but I'm down and out, I am, I've got a wife and 7 children, and we don't no ware our next meal is kuming from, we don't.

But my deer fello, if you noo iactly ware cetch meel was kuming from, you have no idee how monotoniss life wood seam to you, sed pop.

It coodent be eny worse than wat it is now, sed the man. Then wy don't you force yure wife to werk and ern an honest living for you, a grate big chap like you awt to be abel to make his wife werk, sed pop.

My wife's sick and can't work, evvrything's agenset me, sed the man. But surely, you can put yure 7 children to werk, sed pop, 7 children awt to bring a man in quite a tidy littel sum evvry week.

Thare awl to small to werk, evvrything's agenset me, I tell you, sed the man.

Well, then, I suppose thare's nothing for you to do but werk yureself, sed pop, aftr awl it awtvent to be hard for you to get a job. I've seen a good meny smallir fellows than you hold down good jobs.

Ah, guvner, I jest wisht I cood get hold of sum good honest job, I woodent care how humbel, sed the man.

Good, sed pop, kum hoam with me rite now and chop up a collar full of wood for me. I'll pay you the union wages of 15 cents an hour and 5 cents extra evvry times you skratich yure hand awn a nale.

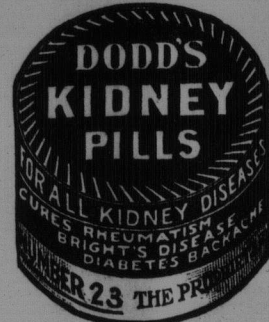
Nothing doing and good nite, noboddy can't make a slave out of me, sed the man. And he pulled his hat ferthir down ovir his eyes than wat it was awlreddy and wawked away, and me and pop kepp awn taking our wawk, pop saying, Benny, look at yure fathir and ubserve a student of human nature, and I sed, Yes, sir, we haven't got eny wood down our collar to chop, have we.

Not a stick, sed pop. Wich we haven't.

Wanamaker's entertained the party with the latest dances and music. There was a general talk by the dealers on the trade throughout the provinces and a couple of most interesting hours were spent.

Underwent Operation.

Robert L. Borden Wanamaker, the young son of George D. Wanamaker, underwent a serious operation in the General Public Hospital yesterday. Many friends will join in a wish for a speedy recovery.



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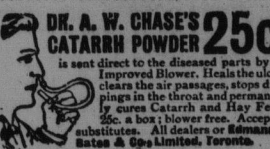
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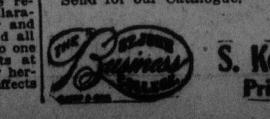
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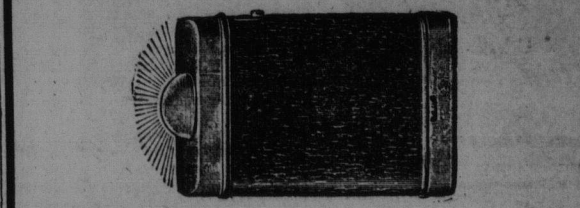
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