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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until the 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.

ON A NEW FRONT.

With the ears of the world attuned to hear that Von Hindenburg was launching a powerful counter-stroke to the forced withdrawal on the Somme front General Haig produces a discord that is about as cheerful a note notwithstanding as could well be struck. Instead of a German blow, it is a British blow, and instead of the Allies having been held up because on one part of the front the enemy decamped without a fight the British forces launch a stroke on a new front that takes the Germans by storm and that sweeps into their grasp thousands of prisoners and many guns and much war material, and a generous line of difficult territory.

The attack was begun in a pelting rain that had the bite of winter in it. Easter Sunday had been fine and the temperature pleasing. And, under these conditions, the order was given to prepare to advance. If the weather must change, the command to the troops would not. And as it turns out the weather may not have hampered the movement, but may have provided a still further sense of confidence in the German trenches that danger was not at hand.

War critics make the guess that the stroke marks the commencement of the "spring offensive." The Allied armies were about ready to begin on the Somme when Hindenburg withdrew from the reach of their well-prepared points of attack. It is clear that the Somme front was not the only place where Haig and Nivelle were in readiness, for already the Canadians have taken the Vimy Ridge between Arras and Lens and Haig's troops are going ahead, overwhelming the Germans in this sector and gathering in the fruits of victory.

The importance of this new war field is perhaps greater than was that on the Somme. The Allies are now within five miles of Lens, where are some of the richest coal mines on each territory. Twenty miles north of Lens lies Lille, the great French manufacturing city. The Allies may be seeking to drive a wedge toward the Belgian border on both sides of Lille, for they have long been at Ypres which is only fifteen miles north and west of Lille. Thus they will compel the evacuation of the important French center without allowing the enemy cause for its molestation.

If the critics have guessed accurately, the British armies have elected to begin their supreme offensive at a point well removed from the junction with the French. Doubtless the French armies will produce a simultaneous stroke farther to the east within a few days, and before the week is out we may be distant spectators of the most terrific fighting of the war. The time has passed for "nibbling." The thrust here today and farther along the line tomorrow, intended only as a blow to annoy the enemy, is not now a part of Allied tactics. The British and French are ready to hit hard, and will be found driving home their blows with all energy.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RETURNED SOLDIERS.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Hon. Dr. Reid, during a discussion of the estimates of the customs department, explained that the change in regulations, whereby the age limit of thirty-five years for men eligible for appointment to the service was wiped out, was made in order that the service might not be filled by men qualified for military duties. Since the change Dr. Reid had filled "every position with a returned soldier."

The Minister of Customs did not make the foregoing statement with the desire of showing that the Borden Government had done more than its simple duty in its treatment of the soldiers. In fact he made it in reply to captious and partisan criticism from the opposition side of the House. But it is a fact, nevertheless, that the Borden Government, ever since the outbreak of war and the despatch of the first Canadian contingent to the battlefields of Europe, has wherever possible, given the returned soldier precedence over all others in the matter of appointments to positions in the public service.

Last week The Standard published a list of forty-eight returned soldiers who had been given positions in this city alone. The province of New Brunswick, outside of the city of St. John, can furnish even better evidence of the Government's interest in the men who have fought for their country and, regrettably, in many instances, have returned to Canada wounded.

and in no condition to resume their former positions in civil life. Wherever possible, suitable government employment has been found for them and it is safe to say that, given occasion, every Minister of the Borden Government could make a statement similar to that modestly submitted to the House yesterday by Hon. Dr. Reid.

In this connection our own New Brunswick minister, J. D. Hazen, has been most assiduous. Whenever a government appointment has been made, a returned soldier has received the preference. This is as it should be, for there is no questioning the assertion that the men who have served the Empire in its time of need are the men who should have public employment when it offers. This country owes a great debt to the Canadian soldier, a debt that it will never be possible to wipe out. Giving the soldier first call on all public positions he is qualified to fill is but simple justice. However, the Government, and every minister in the Borden cabinet is entitled to far more credit for work in this direction than any of them ever receive.

THE JITNEY PROBLEM.

It has been reported that the city of Winnipeg has been threatened with a suit for the sum of at least one million dollars by the Winnipeg Electric Railway for what is claimed to be a breach of franchise agreements in permitting unrestricted jitney competition.

Financial men have been interested for some time in Winnipeg Electric and it goes without saying that the holders of stock and bonds in that concern have had their attention attracted by the conditions here referred to.

Of all the cities upon the continent, possibly nowhere else did the modern jitney find a more attractive sphere of operation. With streets well paved, and wide and as level as a billiard board, what more was needed to allure the promoter of the jitney? Like a certain noted captain of ancient history he came and saw and conquered. At least if he did not conquer and absorb all the fares of leg-weary pedestrians, he tempted so many of them to take a seat in his omnipresent run-about that the street railway people have admitted a loss of approximately one million dollars for which suit against the city is threatened by Wilfred Phillips, the general manager. In the course of his letter to the City Council Mr. Phillips says:

"The company contends that the action of the city in permitting and encouraging jitney competition is in direct breach of the contract between the company and the city. The company in the last two years (beginning of the year's jitney competition) paid the city approximately \$545,747.82 in general taxes, percentage of gross revenue and pavement charges. During these years it has also cost the company \$20,000 annually for keeping its tracks clear of snow, thus affording a clear road for the jitneys, and also a car tax of \$20 per year per car, amounting to \$12,290.

"On the other hand the jitneys are allowed free and unlimited competition upon payment of the sum of \$20 per year per car. The public, especially that portion of it which has holdings in this company, will certainly watch with interest the outcome of this contention. There are many holders of securities in the Winnipeg Electric and it goes without saying that any unfair interference with their legal rights, if such there should eventually appear to have been permitted, will not only create widespread dissatisfaction but also seriously prejudice the ability of similar street railway companies securing that capital without which it will be most difficult, if not almost impossible, for the many growing cities of Canada to secure adequate street railway accommodation and service.

In every Canadian city where there is a stable street railway interest endeavoring to give the city good service, as in St. John, there should be some municipal protection against "jitney" competition.

DUBLIN REJOICES THAT U. S. HAS ENTERED WAR.

Dublin, April 20.—The entrance of the United States into the war was celebrated in Dublin today by the flying of the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack on government buildings and business houses.

Misses McPhail of Perth, N. B., are guests of Miss Marr, German street. They are here to attend the Kitchen Cross wedding next week.

WESTINGHOUSE STRONG IN WALL STREET

Company Estimated to be Earning Thirteen Dollars a Share—Bond Situation.

(McDUGGALL & COWANS.) New York, April 20.—Its held in conservative quarters that the average level of railroad bonds is too low. It is stated by experts that this is due to re-sale of foreign holdings, high rates of interest offered by the government and the holding up of funds to see the result of America's entrance into the war.

Some very good buying has been uncovered in Westinghouse Electric during the last few days. The company is estimated to be earning \$13 a share. Improving crop conditions and rate prospects are directing speculative attention to the Rock Island group of stocks, which are held to of the strong financial backing.

Some weak pools are reported to be destined for better prices as a result of let go stocks in parts of the market. It is estimated that the motor stocks are not the only ones involved.

Rails, coppers and steels are the favorite issues in active circles which are conservatively bullish on the market. Beet Sugar is referred to as destined for better prices as a specialty. Floor brokers say that support has been encountered on all slight recessions in U. S. Steel during the past ten days. General sentiment shows a more hopeful tone judging from general sentiment, except as regards the motor stocks.

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THROUGH GERMAN SPECTACLES

Dr. Paul Rohrbach, who, as one of the editors of "Deutsche Politik," is regarded as a distinguished exponent of Teutonic foreign policy, has hit, in an inspired moment, on a brilliant idea.

The Kaiser's cause has come hopelessly to grief in Mesopotamia, where the Turks, like "Charley's Aunt," are still running; the re-birth of Russia has failed; and the "strategical retirement" in the west has taken on the semblance of a rout. Is Dr. Paul downhearted? Not a bit of it. "There is still Egypt left!"

Break England's Backbone. This simple scheme is all the more desirable in view of the fact, tacitly admitted by Dr. Rohrbach, that the U-boat campaign has already proved a failure. In the Hamburg "Freidenkblatt" he writes:

"Our navy is convinced that its U-boats will finally carry the day against England. We are similarly convinced, only it is necessary also to reckon with the possibility of a counter-stroke against the U-boats. Let us see, therefore, if there does not exist an alternative way of imperiling England's existence.

Such a way is offered in Egypt, for Egypt is England's backbone. We must utilize Egypt as a point for concentrated pressure until our colonies are returned to us. To doubt that the losses of our people in the colonies will be compensated would be an insult to our government. If England closes the Nile Sea against us we shall seize Egypt.

We have not yet attempted to do so simply because the railway thither is not completed. England now wishes to establish herself in Jerusalem and Damascus and on the Euphrates. If she should succeed in doing so, she would possibly make us an offer of peace.

The misfortune is that the vast majority of our people have no proper

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Little Benny's Note Book

WHY LITTLE BENNY DOESN'T GROW UP.

Author of "Little Benny's Note Book" explains perennial youth of newspaper children. It would be fatal to their authors if they grew up like regular humans.

A lady reader writes to ask why Little Benny never grows any older.

This seems a splendid opportunity to explain once for all why newspaper children, when it comes to age, are in duty bound to keep their status quo.

The big point of difference between ordinary children and newspaper children is that ordinary children have two parents, who support them, while newspaper children have one parent, whom they support.

It would be an unkind thing for an ordinary child to refuse to grow up and take the strain of his parents, as well as to keep the ball rolling by having children of his own to support. It would be a heinous thing for a newspaper child, with a single faithful parent to support, to grow up deliberately and leave that innocent parent destitute.

Little Benny will never grow up. Those who fear that he will may rest easy; those who hope that he will may go gnash their teeth. Thanks to my unrelenting attention and my zeal in never sparing the pen, Benny is a model of obedience and has promised me never to have the slightest aspiration towards long pants and never to make the slightest effort to learn to speak.

In return, I am to keep him immune from all diseases of childhood and occasionally, at rare intervals, even to allow him a birthday—a birthday in vanishing ink.

conception of the urgent necessity for Germany to break through her geographical prison, and that she can only break through if we lay our hands on Egypt and make ourselves lords over that land. Then will England be prevented from entering her own Empire in India except by our permission.

The Grateful Huns

The Cologne "Volkszeitung" pays a warm tribute to Messrs. Ponsonby, Trevelyan, Snowden and Buxton. They are still all to be found Englishmen who "speak German" with their Government—that is, who tell it the plain truth to its face.

The brave men who represent this notable exception to the general rule are the parliamentarians Ponsonby, Trevelyan, Snowden, and Buxton. Their names deserve to be graven in to the brass of every German. They have snatched from the face of the English Government the hypocrites' mask.

Messrs. Ponsonby, Trevelyan, Snowden, and Buxton knew perfectly, as practically all their intelligent countrymen do, that England was from the beginning out for a war of pure conquest and with a nobility of soul that cannot be too greatly admired they bravely the hate-buried members of the Lower House and spoke up as no Englishman has as yet done for truth and righteousness.

This the German nation is not likely to forget.

A Kitchen Battle

The municipal kitchen scandal in Germany is once more the subject of a bitter attack at the hands of the Munich "Post".

Last Tuesday the Mathaeer kitchen was filled with a motley throng, many of whom had been waiting for six or seven hours for the opening of the doors. Having been given a bowl of soup, a man began to consume it, only to spit it out on the floor, with the loud exclamation, "This is impossible stuff; not a dog would lap it up."

In a moment he was seized by two sturdy policemen and hurried, as though he were a bundle of old rags, through the ground-floor window into the street. Next it was the turn of a middle-aged woman, who gave expression to remarks reflecting not very favorably on the management. The superintendent gave a signal, two other policemen approached the woman, wrenched the soup bowl from her, and emptied it over the unhappy woman's head, the scalding, greasy liquid running in a smoking stream down her pallid features.

This was more than the crowd could stand, and, with shouts of rage, they threw themselves on the policemen. Some of the people kicked the bowl to pieces and belabored the police with their hands till the blood streamed down their faces.

A few moments later a strong force of armed police rushed into the hall, and quickly cleared it with their revolvers. For some time indescribable confusion prevailed in the street outside until there too, a clearance was effected by armed police.

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