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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.

FOOD CONTROLLER RESIGNS.

The resignation of Hon. W. J. Hanna, Canadian Food Controller, has been announced from Ottawa with the statement that Mr. Hanna's large private interests make such increasing demands upon his time that he finds it impossible to continue in the important office he has administered so well. Previous to his acceptance of the appointment as Food Controller Hon. Mr. Hanna occupied the position of Provincial Secretary in the Ontario Government and in that capacity administered the financial affairs of the most important province in the Canadian confederacy. There was not a little surprise at his acceptance of the Food Controllership for it was then felt that the magnitude of his private interests would eventually claim all his attention and there was general realization that in undertaking to administer the Food Controller's department he was making a great personal sacrifice.

His term as Food Controller has been quite successful although the fact that he was never spectacular in his methods robbed him and his work of much of the necessary publicity it otherwise would have received.

In the very nature of his character the value of his service to Canada cannot be known for many months but when the history of food control in this country is written it will be seen that Hon. W. J. Hanna administered a difficult department with sagacity and zeal. The quantity of foodstuffs conserved for our boys overseas as the result of observance of Mr. Hanna's regulations has been very great indeed. His successor has been his assistant and is in complete touch with the duties of the office. It is felt that he will well carry out the policies inaugurated by Mr. Hanna and that the work so well started will be carried to the point where its complete fruition will be seen and accomplished.

TO MAKE AMERICA "DRY."

The decision of the Government of the Province of Quebec that, after May 1st, 1918, that province shall be "dry," completes the last link in the prohibition chain across Canada, for the other provinces have already enacted legislation to do away with the liquor traffic.

In the United States the cause of prohibition is making rapid strides, the most recent success to be recorded being the action of Congress which, a few weeks ago, submitted to the various states for ratification or rejection an amendment to the national constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale, import or export of intoxicating liquors for "beverage purposes." Thirty-six states of the Union must approve this amendment within seven years, otherwise it becomes of no value.

At the present time, twenty-seven states have adopted state-wide laws against the liquor business, and as prohibition workers claim these states will ratify the amendment when the time comes it can be seen that the battle now will be to bring nine "wet" states into the "dry" column. It is believed this can be done, and although Hon. W. J. Bryan's reputation as a prophet is not as good now as it was some years ago, yet he freely predicts that the whole nation will be "dry" within three years by the employment of the amendment referred to.

As it stands at present the states of the American Union are lined up as follows:

Dry: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.

Wet: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the Governors of four of the states in the "wet" column, Florida, Texas and Wyoming, predict that the next session of their respective legislatures will see the constitutional amendment adopted so that the present year is likely to find prohibition advocates lacking but five of the required number of states to enforce national prohibition. When that number has been secured, the entire North American continent from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico

will be freed from the baneful effects of the liquor traffic.

A PESSIMISTIC EXPERT.

In his first article contributed to the London Morning Post, Col. Repington, the celebrated British military journalist, is inclined to be pessimistic regarding the war outlook. He draws attention to the rapidly increasing numbers of the German armies in the West and points out that danger on that front has not yet passed. Germany, he says, has more men than the Allies on the western battle line and assistance from the United States must come very speedily if it is to be of real value. This assistance, Col. Repington declares, has not arrived as quickly as most of us hoped.

The British observer has had wonderful opportunities for obtaining at first hand the best possible information as to conditions on the war fronts, and it is not the first time he has drawn a gloomy picture for the readers of great London dailies. As military reviewer of the Times, from which position he recently resigned, he was an outspoken critic of the Government's war policies. He felt that Britain had not done all she should do and that there was a disposition on the part of the British people to underestimate the seriousness of the situation. His change of office has not changed his opinions and his article in the Post, part of which is carried in the news columns this morning, plainly illustrates that he still believes that the people of Britain must be prepared to make even greater sacrifices in the future than they have in the past.

That he expects a mighty German offensive in the West and that this offensive may prove more difficult to overcome than some of the previous efforts of the Kaiser's fighting men is the outstanding thought in his article, and it certainly is his desire that the British people shall not be buoyed up by undue optimism as to the result. Perhaps, after all, he is wise, for in order to win this war we must be prepared to subordinate all other considerations and work only toward that much to be desired goal. After more than three years of fighting the seriousness of the situation is but indifferently understood by the larger portion of the British nation and it is to those who lack such understanding that the British reviewer chiefly addresses himself.

FOOD PRICES.

The British Government has issued an official statement dealing with the situation in food prices throughout the world since August, 1914, which makes a startling showing and throws much light upon the causes of the industrial and social unrest which has been and is more or less manifest in every war-ravaged country.

It is interesting to compare price increases in other countries with the figures obtainable for Canada. In this country the family budget has risen from an average of \$7.95 in December, 1914, to an average of \$12.34 for the same period in 1917, an advance of something more than fifty per cent. These figures however compare favorably with the figures obtained from Great Britain, where the budget shows an increase of eighty-five per cent. over pre-war expenditures, the items considered including light, fuel, food, rent and clothing.

What a British family could purchase for twenty shillings in August, 1914, now costs thirty-seven shillings, and the end is not yet. The list of the British figures is headed with eggs, which show an increase of 239 per cent. over pre-war prices. Fish is also much higher, having advanced 191 per cent. Other items taken from the British report include the following:

"Beef, 79 to 135 per cent.; mutton, 75 to 161; bacon, 134; milk, 95; butter, 99; cheese, 92. Tea shows 107 and sugar 188.

"The rises in prices of certain 'secondary' articles are as follows: Lentils (split, red), 230; peas (split, yellow), 210; sage, 190; tapioca, 160; syrup, 160; haricot beans, 140; Scotch oatmeal, 140; condensed milk, 120; butter beans, 110; jam, 110; Rangoon rice, 100; loose cocoa, 95. Coffee, on the other hand, has risen only 30 per cent."

In most other countries at war, or affected by it, the showing is relatively the same. The average family budget in France has increased about 83 per cent. in Holland 41 per cent. In Norway food prices have gone up 14 per cent., fuel 63 per cent., and clothing 146 per cent. New Zealand, for some reason not readily apparent, has escaped very easily, the average gen-

eral increase there being but 27 per cent.

In the United States, where conditions more closely approach those obtaining in Canada the increase is set at 46 per cent., while "Foster's Dollar Index" gives the purchasing power of an American dollar at 44 cents in November last as compared with 82 cents in 1914.

This comparison shows that while Canada has not suffered to the same extent as the European countries yet she has not escaped her share of the war burden. There does not seem to be an apparent reason however why prices here should advance to a greater degree than in the United States.

A SPLENDID SHOWING.

It is expected that complete returns of yesterday's Red Cross drive in St. John will show that approximately \$30,000 has been added to the funds of that organization by the effort of one day. This is a showing that furnishes excellent cause for rejoicing among those interested in the success of the splendid organization which is doing so much for the boys who are carrying Canada's colors in Europe.

St. John is known as a generous city. Every appeal made to the hearts of our citizens has met with a fine response, but it is but fair to say that the record of yesterday's canvass is considerably in excess of expectations. The sum aimed at was \$20,000, and there were those who felt some doubt as to whether it would be reached. During the past twelve months the calls upon the pockets of our citizens have been numerous and heavy and it was feared that the Victory Bond campaign had about exhausted the resources of citizens. That the sum of \$30,000 was raised in one day, less than two months after the close of the great Victory Bond campaign is a record few cities of the size can equal let alone surpass.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE KAISER.
I wonder, if about his silk-draped bed
He hears the voices of the men who
Or sees the ghosts of wasted, fallen
hosts—
The scattered hopes—that lie among
the dead.

I wonder if he finds true rest in sleep,
Thro' eerie stretches of the long, dark
night—
I wonder, if amid the woe and strife
He hears the children moan—the
women weep.

I wonder if no vision e'er appears
Of him, stalking like a spectre
grim;
Hears he no golden notes from minister
chimes
That marked an ancient city's thousand
years?

I wonder if he hears—O child who
died—
Your voice that held a heavenly
caress!
I wonder, if in dreams of "War Lord"
might,
He sees a vision of the Crucified.
—Charlotte Carson-Falcott, Bloom
field.

A BIT OF FUN

INDIVIDUAL DRESS.
Douglas Fairbanks was talking about the striking new fashion in evening gowns—the gown cut out under the arms like a swimmer's jersey.
"A girl," he said, "asked me the other night, 'I liked her gown. It was, of course, cut in the new way, and I said I liked it fine.'
"Don't you think," said the girl, "that there's more individuality to be observed in woman's dress than formerly?"
"Yes," said I. "Ever so much less dress, and ever so much more individuality!"

THE CAUSE.
"My son has some grit in him, I can tell you."
"Been eating war bread, I suppose."
—Ideas.

MAYBE EXPENSIVE IS MEANT.
Sign on Tremont street: "Our eggs are like Caesar's wife." Was the lady fresh?

IT MAY COME, DEAR.
Little Nell had been given a tea set for Christmas. She had heard a lot about food conservation and when she wanted some water for make-believe tea, she said: "Mamma, can I have water or is the food conservation on water, too?"

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Little Benny's Note Book

It was raining outside like everything last nite, and heer I had a ingagemint to go around to Puds Simkins house, and I sed, Pop, I got to go around to Puds Simkins, I got a ingagemint.

How intristing, well, youve got your hole life before you to keep that ingagemint in, sed pop, listen to it, its coming down like cats and dogs of all sexes.

But G. pop, the ingagemints for to nite, I sed, and pop sed, Well, you can tell Puds tomorro that owing to the inclemence of the weather you didnt care to venture out.

But I dont mind, pop, I dont get wet easy, sed pop, People that dont get wet easy dont get d. easy, sed pop, But I got a umberella and Ill put my rubbers on and everything, pop, I sed.

Have you done your lessins? sed pop, and I sed, Yes, sir, and he sed, Well, do them agen. Meaning I coodent go. And pop kepp on smooking and lissenning to the rain, and I started to bid a bridge with my engineering set, and after a wile pop sed, Cereses and mallowdickions, only one seagar left, and Ive got this hole long rainy evening to put throo.

Do you wut me to get some for you, pop, do you wut me to get some for you, I can get them on my way home frum Puds Simkins, you wout need them before that, I sed.

Well, far be it frum me to send any son of mine out in this weather, or even a limited portion of it, for my own selfish needs, sed pop, But if you had really used up your mind to go out anyway, and if, as you say, it is unusually difficult for you to get wet—

Yes, sir, I hardly ever do, I sed, give me the money for the segars, pop, Ill put my rubbers on and take my umberella and everything.

And pop gave me the money and I went around to Puds Simkins, and wat did I do on the way home but forget to get the segars, and it was raining farser than ever, and wa coodent leave pop leave me go out agen, saying he awtent to of left me go out in the first place no matter how hard I sed it was for me to get wet.

GRATEFUL FOR KINDNESS DISPLAYED TO SOLDIERS

Newfoundland's Minister of Militia Extends Thanks to Mayor Hayes and Others.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 24, 1918.

To the Editor of The Standard.
Sir,—Towards the latter part of last month a draft of 250 soldiers from Newfoundland visited this city for a few days and while here were most hospitably treated and entertained by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. A. O. Skinner and other members of the reception committee. Mr. W. H. Gilling of the Imperial Theatre, the Military Y.M.C.A. and other prominent citizens.

I am today in receipt of a letter from the Hon. J. R. Bennett, minister of militia, Newfoundland, in which the minister writes in part: "I feel grateful to the mayor and other prominent citizens of St. John for the many acts of kindness and what great assistance to the officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the Forestry Companies during their sojourn in your city last month. It is indeed gratifying to us to find that strong bond of friendship exists and that people who were practically strangers, would go out of their way at the cost of much expense and inconvenience to make the stay of our fighting forces pleasant whilst in transit for the other side."

"Newfoundland in common with all other parts of the Empire is doing her utmost to uphold the privileges for which we are fighting, and whilst great sacrifices are made and many homes are desolate, still we are as determined as ever to see the thing through to a victorious end. Efforts made in this direction are greatly appreciated and men are greatly heartened by the kindnesses, attention and care such as your people have extended to our men during their short stay in your city, and as head of the department whose duty it is to administer the affairs of the regiment, I beg that you and your citizens should be assured that the major and citizens of St. John for their personal good offices to the men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment."

Very truly yours, J. K. PERCEY.

INDUSTRIAL HOME BOYS ENTERTAINED

Excellent Programme Given by Young Ladies' League of the Y. M. C. A. Last Evening.

Members of the Young Ladies' League of the Y. M. C. A. arranged an entertainment at the Boys' Industrial Home last evening. A large party went out to East St. John and assisted in the programme, given for the boys.

Mrs. C. G. Fiewelling was in charge of the programme and Miss Florence Dick was convener of the refreshment committee. Games were played. The boys sang songs for the visitors and a very pleasant time was spent.

Among those taking part in the entertainment were Miss Sinclair, who gave a piano solo; Mr. G. J. Fiewelling, who showed lantern views, and Alex. Baird, whose recitations gave much pleasure.

STRIKE IS STILL ON IN HUNGARY

Two Hundred Thousand Men Still Out and Several Strikers in Austria.

London, Jan. 24.—Reports received in Copenhagen from Vienna as forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company correspondent, indicate that 200,000 men there are still on strike, and that the strike continues in Budapest.

A Vienna despatch to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says that while work was resumed in part on Monday the strike continues in a number of large factories.

CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

St. John, N. B., Jan. 24, 1918.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

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PARLIAMENTARY LAW, WAS SUBJECT OF HER LECTURE

Miss Amelia Green Spoke to Audience Last Night—Lecture Under Auspices of Women's Suffrage Association.

The first of a course of five lectures covering a complete working knowledge of parliamentary law, sufficient to answer the needs of all thinking, active women, was given last evening by Miss Amelia Green in her studio in the Church of England Institute, Princess street, under the auspices of the Women's Suffrage Association. Miss Green stated that the World War had ushered in changes over night which would have taken Old Father Time many years to culminate. Woman's position in the world has been influenced by these changes. She has had new responsibilities thrust upon her shoulders. Outside of the business world that she has entered into, her greatest field of

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Bronchitis is a disease which is very prevalent during the late winter and early spring, when there are sudden atmospheric changes. It is a condition of inflammation of the bronchial tubes which produces mucous or phlegm. This irritates the throat and causes you to cough in order to get rid of it. The cough may be tight or loose according as to whether this mucous is sticky and hard to remove, or soft and easily expelled.

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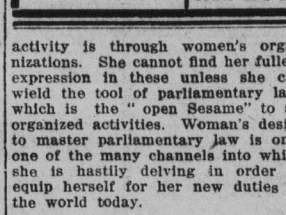
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WEDDINGS

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An interesting event took place last

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united in marriage Miss Muriel Farris,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Farris,

and Lieut. Joseph C. Reade, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Clinton B. Reade, of West St.

John. The ceremony took place at the

home of the bride's parents, 176 Wat-

trio street. A large number of friends

and relatives were present.

The bride presented a charming ap-

pearance in a duchess satin dress with

shades of lace and pearl trimmings. Her

veil was trimmed with orange bloss-

oms. She carried a shower bouquet

of prairie beauty roses, forget-me-nots

and ferns.