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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.

A LEAGUE OF LIBERATION.

In the relation it is likely to bear to the successful prosecution and victorious termination of the world war nothing that has occurred during the past year equals in importance the conference of the Entente Allies recently held in Paris, the proceedings of which are now being reported to Washington.

The outstanding feature of the proceedings of the conference was the complete agreement between all the powers as to the share each shall take as factors in a mighty war machine.

The United States has undertaken to rush trained men to the firing lines in greatest possible numbers and with the utmost speed.

There is still much fighting to be done in France, in Flanders, in Germany and on the high seas, but the result is assured.

Against the decision of the Canadian Railway Commission to permit Canadian railways to increase their passenger and freight tariffs to meet war-time conditions, there can be little legitimate ground for complaint.

In the United States and in Canada, the average charge for moving one ton of freight a mile in the United States was .716 of one cent.

In Canada the difficulties of the Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Northern and lesser roads, as the result of enormously increased costs, have been apparent for the past two years.

Under war-time interchange of rolling stock and equipment wherever necessary, it is likely to be necessary to make large sacrifices in earnings to avoid duplication of service, and to overcome shortage of labor, cars and power for the remainder of the war may have to lead largely of its great resources to smaller lines, as maintenance of efficient service by all lines is one of the first war-time concerns.

When the roads are permitted to increase their earnings from the public it is a national duty to see that revenues so obtained are used with the greatest care and that the service is maintained at the highest possible standard.

To send assistance in the form of seed, agricultural implements and live stock to the peasant farmers of Belgium, France, Serbia, Italy and Russia, who have suffered as the result of the war, is not only a worthy patriotic charity but also an undertaking to be commended from the more material standpoint of sane business.

The most businesslike form of relief is that which helps a man to help himself. This is what the Canadian branch of the Agricultural Relief of the Allies' Fund aims to do in the case of peasant farmers of allied Europe.

Little Benny's Note Book

Me and Ed Wernick was calling each other names 'dooring' recess yesterday, and after school I found a note in the vestibule stuck under the front door, having my name on the outside of it, and I opened it and was wot it but a picture of a grave, saying on it, Heer, los Benny Potts, revenge, Ed Wernick.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE RECRUIT. (From the Western Australian Railway Gazette). I've burnt my bridges, and I've done the deed, yes, I've handed in my name; And it's down on the list of Australia's And it's down on the list of Australia's And it's down on the list of Australia's

I stuck it through, and I said, "Not yet," and "The time is still to come." For I harked to a softer, sadder voice than the roll of a distant drum; But I'm breaking the bonds that bind me here, whatever those bonds may be.

Yes, I've burnt my bridges, and I've done the deed, I've handed in my name; And now I can hold my head erect where once it was bowed in shame; I shall stand with my brothers in arms, fighting the fight of the free; So I thank my God that the call that came found an answering voice in me!

A BIT OF FUN

RAPID CALCULATOR. School Inspector—"Now, my little man, what do five and one make?" "Well, madam," said he to the young wife, "I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened more than 2000 babies, but never before christened one that behaved so badly as yours."

WELL TRAINED. Throughout the christening ceremony the baby smiled up beautifully into the clergyman's face. "Well, madam," said he to the young wife, "I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened more than 2000 babies, but never before christened one that behaved so badly as yours."

HIS MOTIVE. While making his usual daily inspection of the stables, the major noticed Trooper Dash giving his horse a piece of lump sugar. "I am very pleased to see you making much of your horse, Trooper Dash," he said; "it shows that you regard him with the true spirit, and I will not forget you for it."

MRS. WHEELDON IS OUT OF PRISON. London, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Alice Wheelodon, who with her daughter and the latter's husband, was found guilty and sentenced last March to ten years imprisonment on the charge of conspiracy to poison Premier Lloyd George, has been released from prison at the prisoner's request. Mrs. Wheelodon is near death through a hunger strike.

FIREMEN ON EAST SIDE CALLED TO 124 BELL ALARMS LAST YEAR

Increase of Ten Alarms Over 1916, and Twenty Over 1915—Large Number of Still Alarms in Addition—Some Serious Conflagrations During Past Twelve Months—Total List of Alarms for 1917.

The fire department on the eastern side of the harbor responded to no less than 124 bell alarms during the year of 1917, which is an increase of ten alarms over the year 1916, and thirty more than that of 1915.

Among the big fires handled by the department during the past year was the C.B.R. freight shed on March 22nd; J. H. McRobbie's King street establishment, March 20th; Sande Building on Prince Wm. St. April 16th; McCready Vinegar Factory, Portland St., May 15th; Bag street, Sydney Street, on June 15th and Nov. 10th; Knox Electric Co. and Marcus furniture store, Dock street, JUNE 18th; Robertson's, Dock street, Nov. 20th; St. David's church, Sydney street, Dec. 13th; Johnson's dry goods store, Cor. Mill and Union, Dec. 18th.

Johnson St. 2.50 p.m. 18-47, Atlantic Sugar Refinery, 3.10 a.m. 18-121, Grass fire, Bellvue Ave. 3.05 p.m. 19-121, Grass fire, Poklok Road. 2.30 p.m. 23-144, Taylor and White, Elm St. 9.55 p.m. 23-124, Barn Adelaide Road. 4 a.m. 28-124, Purdy and Green's, Mill Hillville Ave. 10 p.m. May 1-41, C. C. Cootner's, Reed's Point. 8.30 p.m. 10-142, Maritime Nail Works, Portland St. 5.30 p.m. 17-231, Cornwall Cotton Mill, Wall St. 11.10 a.m. 18-41, Rodger's Garage, Canterbury St. 6.45 p.m. 18-421, House on Rochesay Ave. 8 a.m. 23-124, House in Bond's alley. 10 a.m. 25-142, McCready's Vinegar Factory (2nd and 3rd alarm for this fire) 2.40 a.m. 23-121, Stetson's Cutler's Mill, Pleasant Point. 6.40 p.m. 20-15, House on Brussells St. 4.10 p.m. June 4-121, Sam Hector's house Poklok (false), 1.10 p.m. 6-121, Stetson and Cutler's boarding house, Poklok. 11.10 p.m. 15-17, Bag Factory, Sydney St. 7.40 a.m. 18-5, Knox Electric Co., Dock St. and Marcus Furniture store, 2nd and 3rd alarm, 2.45 a.m. 19-1, Dr. Corbett's house, Coburg St. 1.35 p.m. 20-12, Cronin's barn, Waterloo St. 12.30 p.m. July 8-34, Ross Drug Co., King St. 1.40 a.m. 15-47, Military Barracks, Sheff. Bldg. St. 8.45 p.m. 10-126, Mrs. Harper's house, Hillville Ave. 1.15 p.m. 19-37, Carter's house, Elliott Row. 4.45 a.m. 18-123, VanWart's house, Main St. 8.10 p.m. 23-123, False, 11.50 p.m. 23-123, False, 10.35 p.m. 23-47, St. John Iron Works, Sydney St. 11.15 p.m. 29-29, T. McAvity and Sons, Water St. 11.10 a.m. 8-3, Depot House, Mill St. 2.45 p.m. 12-25, False, 7.30 p.m. 12-24, Kennedy's, Prince William St. 10.30 p.m. 14-56, John Willis house, White St. 10.35 p.m. 19-32, Victoria School Annex, Duke St. 3 p.m. 19-35, Wm. McKinley's house, Carleton St. 7.45 p.m. 20-155, Sprague's house, Sherif St. 8 a.m. 20-131, Wood house, Durham St. 9.25 p.m. 21-42, Noel Sheraton's, Mecklenburg St. 8.45 p.m. 28-457, Chas. Jones' house, Haslem St. 7.45 p.m. Mar. 30-154, L.C.R. freight shed. 8.35 p.m. 23-1, Father's house, Pond St. 9.55 a.m. 23-4, James Shaw's house, Haslem St. 2.40 a.m. 23-17, Thos. French's house, Erin St. 8.10 a.m. 25-22, J. H. McRobbie's, King St. 2.50 p.m. 27-31, False, 3.40 p.m. 31-124, Cowan's house, Main St. 11.30 p.m. 31-8, C.P.R. house, North St. 11.30 p.m. Apr 3-4, Mahor's Estate, Peters St. 4.35 p.m. 8-18, L. Corey's house, Brussells St. 12.20 a.m. 13-16, Bishop Lathams' house, Brussells St. 10.15 a.m. 18-143, False, 4.35 p.m. 18-232, E. Chambers house, Hawthorne Ave. 12.55 a.m. 34-31, C. Jones' house, Pitt St. 2.45 p.m. 35-9, Sande's Building, Prince Wm. St. (2nd and 3rd alarm for this fire) 2.40 a.m. 17-241, A. Ingvaldsen's barn,

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WOODEN EXPERIENCE

New Brunswick Vessels Dur Progress Be. The year 1917 witnessed the wooden shipbuilding industry in this province a quietude of this revival launched during the summer a number of steamers which will be later in the present season. In the city two active operation and it other will begin opening. Vessels are under construction at St. Martins, St. John's, and at the latter place at all these places the side and hammer make as the ships grow under hands of New Brunswick carpenters.

In St. John the first was down the steamer built by Grant & Horne and launched during the summer. The ship was laid last summer progress has been made. The non-arrival of the ship was due to the fact that the men were kept busy with the second ship. The frame work of the ship has been commenced and apron have been ordered to be put in place and the timber for the hull is now in the yard and a for the second and Mr. of himself as more than the supply of local ship had been able to obtain within a reasonable time. John. He also expressed the interest taking and the loyalty they sticking to the job. The Marine Construction having faith in the building of a shipbuilding yard for the ships at the present time.

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