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WELCOME THE 69TH.

Let us warm the hearts of the members of the 69th Battalion on their arrival in St. John tomorrow morning. It is the first time the people of this city have ever had an opportunity to extend greeting to a large body of their French-Canadian fellow citizens; and those who come are on the king's business, and are doubly welcome because they are in khaki. They are going to fight the common enemy, and to fill gaps in the ranks of Britain's armies struggling for the right. Let the welcome extended on their arrival be worthy of St. John's reputation for hospitality.

We are too stingy with our flags in St. John. Let every boy and girl get out along the line of march tomorrow morning and wave flags and cheer the soldiers. The ladies will serve refreshments at the armory, but that is not enough. On their arrival at the depot and all along the line of march the visitors should see and hear signs of a cordial welcome to St. John.

Lt.-Col. Dansereau is said to have a fine battalion under his command. The men had a period of vigorous training at Valcartier and will soon be ready to go overseas. They are going to hardship and wounds, and some of them to death, for their beloved Canada. They are the evidence of a united Canada in face of a great national and imperial danger. Wave the flags and cheer them when they come.

NOT ENOUGH CHEERING.

Was it because there were so many young men of military age in the great crowd assembled at the depot last evening that there was so little cheering for the returned soldier, and none at all for the advance guard of the 69th?

Private George Curran was met by a great concourse of people, it is true, but were they there to greet him or to listen to the band?

Private Curran's personal friends gave him a great reception, and cheered him heartily, and he was borne on their shoulders from the train to the procession of decorated cars. Representatives of the city council were there, and members of the recruiting committee, and there was nothing lacking except the cheers that should have shook the train shed in honor of a boy who had manifested so much courage and determination, and while yet a boy comes home bearing the scars of honorable service for king and country.

The apathy of a St. John crowd is difficult to understand. A man who waves his hat and calls for a cheer is stared at as if he were guilty of a breach of propriety. The women of the city will have to set the men an example. Three mothers with sons at the front stood together in the depot last evening. They, we may be sure, would have liked to join in a cheer for the other mother's boy who had come home to her after honorable service at the front, but not once did the whole vast crowd in the depot cut loose in a general shout of welcome. Cheering is much easier than fighting. Surely if the lads do the fighting the rest of us can raise a cheer.

THE CALL TO YOUNG MEN.

The very large number of young men of military age who were at the depot last evening when Private Curren was welcomed home may well have entertained a suspicion that people were wondering why more of them were not in khaki. Of the men who went in the First Canadian Division to the trenches last January, nearly a year ago, sixty to eighty percent are on the casualty list, as killed, wounded or missing. They fought under exceptionally difficult and hazardous conditions, but there is a constant wastage and the gaps in the ranks must be filled. If any young man jauntily remarks that he does not propose to take any chance of being killed, he may fairly be asked what a life is worth to the world if it can only be preserved by shirking a duty and disregarding the highest call that can come to the manhood of a man.

That is "a sad but glorious roll of honor" which contains the names of the heroic Canadians of the First Division. The total casualties in the Princess Patricias was 961; 7th Batt., 918; 10th Batt., 913; 15th Batt., 888; 3rd Batt., 798; 1st Batt., 794; 13th Batt., 788; 8th Batt., 780; 16th Batt., 754; 4th Batt., 716; 2nd Batt., 688; 5th Batt., 680; 14th Batt., 558. Three other battalions, the 11th, 12th, and 17th, had almost no casualties, as they were not engaged in heavy fighting. Of the wounded the great majority recover, and quite a number return to the firing line, but there are gaps to fill and there are new armies to be placed in the field, in order that the sacrifice of the men of the First Division may not have been in vain.

Hence the young men who see wounded soldiers returning may well ask themselves:—Who goes to fill the gap?

Newfoundland has adopted prohibition by a very small majority. Under such conditions it will be difficult to enforce the law in some districts, especially in the towns. The victory, however, shows the trend of modern thought regarding the use of intoxicating liquors.

THE WAR NEWS

Today's cables make it more clear that a satisfactory agreement with Greece has been concluded, with the prospect that when the Allies have made a sufficient show of force in the Balkans the Greek army and fleet will come to their aid. This result must have a strong influence in Roumania. The Russians are said to have promised to strike in Bulgaria within a week, and the Italians to send an army to Saloniki. The Balkan outlook is therefore much more satisfactory.

The Italians have made further progress in their vigorous and sustained attack upon Gorizia, and the fall of that fortress is at hand. They have amply proved their fighting capacity and proved themselves worthy allies of Britain and France.

The Germans are withdrawing from their forward base in the Riga-Dvina region on the Russian front, and the Russians are pressing them hard. Week by week the failure of the German attempt to crush Russia grows more apparent.

On the western front there is no change. The British and French hold their positions and for the present are content with holding them. Germany is undoubtedly feeling the loss of the flower of her armies and is feeling more and more the deadly pressure which prevents her from adding to her supplies of food. The wearing down process goes steadily on, and by next spring the Allies will have gained the ascendancy in men and munitions necessary to a crushing and continued forward movement.

ELECTION TALK

Any election talk in Canada is inspired by the Conservatives. The present parliamentary term does not expire for a considerable time and there is no good reason for talking politics at the present time. In England where there is a coalition government the parliamentary term is to be extended. It can be extended in Canada to a reasonable extent, although there is no coalition here. The Liberals have no desire to see the attention of the people of Canada diverted from the great task of doing their full duty to the Empire in its time of peril. If the Conservative government dictate impossible terms and thus prove they are more anxious to prolong their term in office than to serve the Empire, they must accept the responsibility. There should be no difficulty in avoiding an election in wartime, but there is no excuse for refusing to give the people an opportunity to express their views at the polls as soon after the war is over as may be arranged between the leaders. The present government does not rule indefinitely by Divine right. That privilege is exclusively claimed by the Kaiser. Let him have it, but let the people of Canada clean house if they want to, as soon as is expedient after they have attended to the case of the Kaiser.

The new siege battery to be recruited in St. John offers young men another opportunity to join the colors.

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If Russian troops are in Bulgaria in a week the outlook for the Allies in the Balkans will show still further improvement, and it will be still brighter if Italy sends troops to aid Serbia.

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The iron heel of Germany is crushing the life out of Russian Poland as of Belgium. The people are starving, and there is no relief. The Germans control everything and rule with characteristic brutality. The world had been accustomed to associate the name of Russia with tyranny and repression, but Russia is now pledged to restore the boundaries of ancient Poland and grant autonomy to the people. This is in marked contrast to the German policy of disregard for Polish aspirations, and even of the dictates of common humanity in deal with the Polish people.

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In an address in Ottawa last week Prof. Prince explained how conscription worked out in New Zealand. A report of his speech says:—"New Zealand had conscription and every youth was compelled to receive military training between the ages of fourteen and twenty-five. At the age of twenty-five he passed into reserve until he was thirty years. After that time he had finished with military service. The exchange of British and New Zealand officers had always proved beneficial to the country and never more than when the present world-war broke out."

VILLA'S ARMY STARVING?

Washington, Nov. 26—In a half starved condition 2,000 Villista soldiers have arrived in the state of Jalisco, after marching from the western part of Durango, according to advices reaching the state department.

The soldiers existed for days on horse flesh. Their trail was marked by bloody footprints, caused by their shoes wearing out and the rocky roadways cutting their feet. Twelve died from starvation en route. The army is commanded by General Parra, who it was believed was trying to reach Genral Zapata.

LIGHTER VEIN

"Why don't you buy something at my table?" demanded the girl at the charity fair.

"Because," said the smooth-tongued youth, "I buy only from homely girls. They have so much harder time making sales."

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A man who was traveling the Ozark Mountains on horseback stopped before a typical Arkansas farmhouse to inquire the way. "What's the news?" asked the mountaineer as he leaned his lank frame against the fence and pulled his long beard thoughtfully.

On finding that what had become a part of history was news to him, the traveler asked why he did not take some weekly or monthly periodical that he might keep in touch with the world at large.

"Well," said the old native, "when my pa died, nine years ago, he left me a stack of newspapers that high."—indicating a height of about three feet. "and I ain't done readin' of em yet."

A noted physician called on an exceedingly cranky patient and was surprised to find hardly any improvement from the previous day. "Why," said he, "what's the matter? Did you follow my prescription?"

"No," replied the man. "If I had I would have broken my neck, for I threw the prescription out of the window."

"Why don't you make your boy Josh try to do something useful?"

"Don't put no such notions in his head," replied Farmer Corntossel. "The thing for us to do is to learn Josh a lot of polite accomplishments that'll keep 'im from gettin' in the way when there's reg'lar work on hand."

"How old do you think I am Mr. Jimpson?" asked Miss Arabella Bonchill.

"I happen to know, Miss Bonehill," said Jimpson. "You were born in 1870! that makes you just 30."

"What?" cried Miss Bonehill. "Do you mean to say that 1870 to 1915 is only 30?"

Not arithmetically, Miss Arabella," said Jimpson, "but in reckoning a woman's age, always."

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MORNING WAR NEWS

The Czar has sent an official note to Serbia promising to have his forces in Bulgaria inside a week. Italy is said to be sending an expeditionary force of 40,000 men to relieve the Serbs.

Telegrams have been received in London giving assurances of safety from the British and French naval brigades recently in Belgrade.

The "New loan of Victory" was opened for investment to the people of France yesterday and great crowds thronged the post offices to demand a share in it. All classes hastened to place their money in the loan, which carries 5 per cent.

It is believed that Russia has quite an army established near the Roumanian frontier, and the attitude of the latter country now following the settlement of the Grecian question is being watched with interest.

The Turks during the last few days have opened an offensive movement in the Gallipoli district, but have thus far been repulsed by British and French guns.

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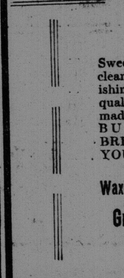

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