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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 GERMAN MICHEL"

There is much instruction in the phrase "German Michel," applied to itself so generally and proudly by the German nation today.

"Der Deutsche Michel" is what Germany calls her man-power. "Michel" is low-German for "Michael." Many foreigners are likely to regard the term as referring to the Archangel Michael, and suggesting the triumphant power of German arms.

As explained by a writer in the New York Times, it is nothing of the sort. It is a catch-phrase by which the German people "call themselves fools and insist on it."

For in Germany, a "Michel" is "a fool, a clown, a weak-wit of great physical power when aroused, but wholly dominated by his masters of higher intellect and greater power. In plain United States, "the German "Michel" means "The German boob."

The phrase is heard every day and everywhere in Germany. Particularly one hears the saying, "Michel bleibt Michel,' meaning "Michel remains Michel." A German applies it to himself whenever anything goes wrong with the nation.

"Every intelligent person," adds the writer, "will agree with me that the German is right. He has proved it in many ways, in a thousand instances of diplomatic and military blunders during the war."

A NEW CHALLENGE TO GERMANY.

The assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German Ambassador at Moscow, may have very momentous consequences. The shot fired—if the killing was done by shooting—will also be heard round the world, unless Potsdam forgives and forgets. If it orders German troops to march on Moscow, the ancient capital of Muscovy, the smouldering embers of Slav hatred of the Teuton may blaze up again fiercely. Von Mirbach was virtual master at Moscow. His murder was probably by hands that would scorn unpatriotic action. It is another signal to Germany that though it has laid Russia prostrate, it has not, and cannot, quench the flames of hatred. So far as the Allies are concerned, the re-opening of the quarrel between the Russians and the Germans—for that is what the assassination is intended to mean—may give them that opportunity to step in to help Russia that is so much desired. Only a few days ago the Supreme War Council met in Paris, and considered means to help Russia, and foil German designs in the East. The decisions of the Council are said to have been presented to President Wilson. The new challenge to Potsdam from the heart of Muscovy has a singular timeliness, and we may well suspect that the hand of passionate Russian patriotism is trying to put a torch to the Brest-Litovsk treaty.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

CANADA'S HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

Canada has the heaviest fire loss of any civilized country in the world. A report issued by the Conservation Commission shows that where the annual loss per capita is $2.26 in the United States, 64 cents in England, 74 cents in France and 13 cents in Switzerland, in Canada it is $2.73. In the last half century the direct loss through fire, exclusive of forest fires, has reached the enormous total of $350,000,000, while a greater sum has been expended in the maintenance of fire protection services and in payment of insurance premiums for which compensation has not been required.

A considerable part of this loss is due to natural causes. The extreme cold of the Canadian winter requires more intense heating than in other countries and quite a percentage of the fires are attributable to this heating. But even much of this loss could be prevented by precautions in the way of heavier chimneys and other safeguards.

The great cause of fires in Canada is carelessness. The commission estimates it is responsible for seventy per cent.

And in this carelessness which, according to the commission, causes seventy per cent. of the fire losses, there is another wastage which must amount to millions of dollars in a year. The North American habit of extravagance is responsible. In our places of business materials are discarded in volume which in the more systematic old world are utilized. For instances, tons of paper in the form of letters with only one side used are discarded. In European countries there is not such waste. The blank sides of letter sheets are used for memorandums or for purposes of copy for files. Thus the inflammable material accumulated is not half what it is here, and the consequent risk of fire is that much less. There are many other forms of waste which increase the fire menace, and they prevail proportionately in the home.

The report of the Conservation Commission describes Canada's fire departments as the best in the world. Since they are not succeeding in reducing the abnormal fire loss it is all the more evident that the loss, beyond what can be ascribed to natural causes, is largely due to the careless accumulation of fire risk.

It is suggested that the state should provide stringent laws for the prevention of such carelessness, and that may be advisable, but the people of Canada are paying for this loss out of their own pockets every year and since the remedy is in their own hands they should have sense enough to apply it.

Some of the Canadian newspapers, notwithstanding the strenuous objection United States soldiers make to the appellation, persist in dubbing them 'Sammies," a babyish, wishy-washy name. Let us drop it immediately, if we desire to remain on friendly terms with the American warriors. Those newspapers which are reluctant to call the soldiers of the republic Americans because the United States is not the whole of America can relieve their feelings by using the threadbare but still much honored name, Yankees. It is true many residents of the Southern States have not looked upon themselves as Yankees, as years ago that was one of the terms they applied to the Northern people, particularly the New Englanders.

It is said that Premier Foster sometimes forgets that he is a member of the legislature for Victoria County. There is considerable dissatisfaction up there over the treatment the district is receiving from Fredericton, and some lively protests have been made.

Will tin Lizzies advance in price? A large plant in Canada controlled by a leading Detroit concern has been shut down. About eight hundred employes have been thrown out of work.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE WAY THROUGH THE WOODS.

They shut the road through the woods
Seventy years ago.
Weather and rain have undone it again,
And now you would never know
There was once a road through the woods
Before they planted the trees.
It is underneath the coppice and heath,
And the thin anemones.
Only the keeper sees
That where the ring-dove broods,
And the badgers roll at ease,
There was once a road through the woods.

Yet, if you enter the woods
Of a summer evening late,
When the night-air cools on the trout-ringed pools
Where the otter whistles his mate
(They fear not men in the woods
Because they see so few),
You will hear the beat of a horse's feet,
And the swish of a skirt in the dew,
Steadily cantering through
The misty solitudes,
As though they perfectly knew
The old lost road through the woods,
But there is no road through the woods.

—Rudyard Kipling.

A BIT OF FUN

No Criterion

"Mixer has rotten manners, has'nt he?"

"On the contrary. I have always found him to be a perfect gentleman."

"Oh, well you may be right. I have only seen him with his own family."—Life.

Latin at the Farm

"Semper fidelis," announced the hobo. "Dat's me."

"Sic semper," chirped the head of the house, and the bulldog promptly responded.

Heard in Court

"What is your age, madam?" asked the judge of a witness.

"Your honor," answered the lady diplomatically, "that is something I will leave to your kind indulgence."

The young man who embraces his best girl shows his love in a roundabout way.

Experience

Lieutenant Governor—Where did our governor learn to steer the ship of state?

Senator—He used to own a zivyer and travelled country roads.

A Conjuror

He was a proper professional conjurer, and after proceeding to get his audience under his spell he commenced in real earnest.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen," he said with a wave of his hand, "this is the magic cabinet. I invite any lady in the audience to enter this cabinet. I will then close the door, and when it shall be opened again, the lady will have disappeared, leaving no trace."

There was an impressive silence until a little, undersized man in the second row turned to an enormous woman who sat by him and breathed eagerly:

"Maria, dear, won't you oblige the gentleman?"

BRAZIL WILL BE IN THE FIGHTING

Soldiers From South American Republic Are To Be Sent To Palestine.

New York, July 9—Brazil, the most potential of the Latin-American Allies, is preparing to send an expedition into Palestine to replace some British forces there, in addition to her active participation in European waters, where the Brazilian fleet has been a material aid to the British, French and American navies.

That was the bit of information brought to this country today by Jorge Miter, general manager and publisher of Lanacon, the Argentina newspaper of world repute. Senor Mitre's arrival in this country was not made known until he reached New York and quietly took quarters at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. He picked up the important information about Brazil's war programme at Rio de Janeiro, where he was stranded for several days on his way north.

SUDDEN THRUST AT GERMAN LINES IN EASTERN FRANCE BY THE ALLIES

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There seems to have been some spirited fighting on the British front along La Bassee Canal, northwest of Lens, and north of the Somme, in the Picardy sector. Berlin announces that the British were repulsed frequently repeated attacks in the former region, and adds their attacks north of the Somme broke down.

The French attack at Authuell is merely mentioned in the official German statement, which says, however, that attacks in the Villers-Cotterets and Chateau Thierry sectors were repulsed by the Germans.

While the fighting on the Macedonian and Albanian frontiers must remain a side issue to the great battles that are expected momentarily in France, and possibly northern Italy, the progress of the French and Italians along the Albanian coast brings that theatre of the war into consideration.

The Austrian Collapse.

Rapid strides have been made since the French and Italian assault was launched north of Aviona on July 6. Strong Austrian positions have been stormed and it appears that the allies have been successful in turning the Austrian right wing. An official statement from Rome says that Italian cavalry have gained the Austrian rear and destroyed bridges across the Semini River, which parallels the Voyusa, where the attack was begun. This marks an advance of about fifteen miles.

Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister, has retired from office, it is announced, and the German Emperor has accepted his resignation. This has been expected since Von Kuelhmann's address in the German Reichstag on June 25, in the course of which he said that victory by purely military decisions could hardly be expected.

In Russia.

Czecho-Slovak forces in Eastern Siberia have extended their sphere of influence up the Amur River to Nikolayavsk, an important naval station. The defeated Bolshevik troops with their Austro-German allies, are said to have retired toward Khabarovsk, the capital of the maritime province.

General Pershing's official statement of operations along the sectors held by Americans makes especial mention of heavy German troop movements near Mulhouse, in Alsace. It is also reported that German airmen are very active in that sector of the front.

NEW FOOD CONTROLLER IN GREAT BRITAIN

Secretary Robert Clines Appointed To Succeed Viscount Rhondda.

London, July 9.—Robert Clines, parliamentary secretary to the food control department, has been appointed to succeed the late Viscount Rhondda as food controller.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Us fellows was standing erround the lam post this afternoon looking at our faces in little round mirrors with avertizements on the back wich some man had went erround putting under frunt doors, and all of a suddin Leroy Shooster dropped his and the glass broak all up in little pieces, Leroy saying, G, 7 yeers bad luck, G.

And he started to pick up the pieces looking disappointed, and Sid Hunt sed, O well, wat do you care, 7 years aint so long.

Theyll soon be over, youll ony be 17 yeers old, I sed.

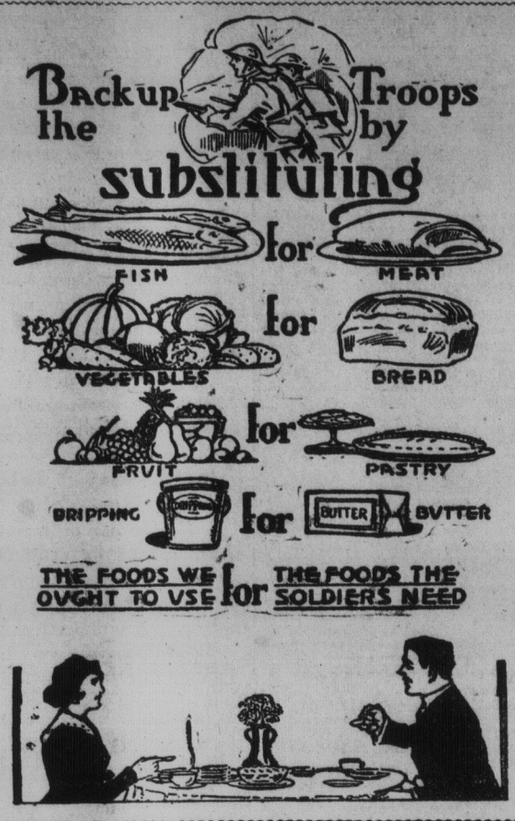
Besides, you mite not even live that long, Leroy, sed Sam Cross.

No matter wat happens, Leroy, you mite get over it all rite, sed Ed Wernick, I know a fellow broak a mirror wunts, and that nite he fell down and tripped and broak his leg, but he got over it all rite and now he can wawk pritty neer as good with that leg as wat he can with the other one, pritty neer, so wat do you care, Leroy?

May be if I pick up all the peeces it wont be sutch bad luck, sed Leroy Shooster. And he kepp on looking for more peeces, and my cuzzin Artie sed, That dont make eny diffrents, its luck jest the same no matter how meny you pick up, but wat do you care, Leroy, in 7 yeers maybe youll have so mutch bad luck youll be use to it.

Wich Leroy Shooster jest kepp on wawking erround looking for peeces, and all of a suddin he sed, G, theers a dime. Wich one was, and he quick picked it up, saying, Gosh, if I hadent of broak the mirror I wood never of found it.

G, sed us fellows.



J. B. CUDLIP AND MR. SUGRUE MAY GET THE APPOINTMENTS

Government Will Meet To-night — Workmen's Compensation Commissioners To Be Named.

The provincial government will meet at Fredericton tonight. The most important matter expected to come before the government will be the appointment of the commission to administer the Workmen's Compensation Act. Three commissioners are to be appointed. One of these will represent the manufacturing interests, one the labor interests and the third will be a member of the legal profession.

It is said that many manufacturers favor the appointment of J. B. Cudlip of St. John, formerly manager of the York and Cornwall Mills. James Sugrue is the candidate of the labor men.

MARTIAL LAW IN THE PERSIAN CAPITAL

Riots in Teheran Due To Food Shortage.

Washington, July 9.—A despatch received at the State Department from the American Legation at Teheran, Persia, states that on account of riots arising from the food shortage and other disturbances the city has been placed under martial law.

Our Price Attacking Sale begins on Friday, July 12th. Bassen's 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Raising goldfish or the other prettily colored varieties which spend their lives swimming about small glass bowls would seem to be the easiest life it is possible to choose, but some species are rare and highly prized and require careful attention. Those with protruding eyes, the telescope fish, are most to be desired.

Of these, the Chinese mottled telephone is gorgeously colored.

A tiny species from Florida goes by the name of gambusia holbrooki, while the comet is extensively raised in this country. The "lion heads," which grow a ferocious mane on head and gills, come from Japan, but do not thrive in America. The blackamoor telescope seems made of finest black velvet and lacey crepe. The Paradise fish is remarkable because the female tries to destroy her young while the male cares for them faithfully.

At spawning time on an up-to-date goldfish farm the fish are placed in wooden tanks covered with Japanese hyacinths, on the roots of which the eggs are deposited. The plants are then cut off and put in glass jars, where, in three to five days, the eggs are hatched. The baby fish, hardly visible to the eye, are nourished for seven days by the yolk sac, after which they are removed to rearing tanks.

The water in these has been left stagnant and is rather dirty in appearance, caused by the presence of infusoria, the first food of the infant fish. Afterward the prepared food, on which they have to exist for the rest of their lives, is given. Fantails are produced by inbreeding, and as soon as the newly hatched lot grows large enough to show its characteristics, these are sorted out.

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