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## THE WAR SITUATION

On the Belgian front the British have driven the Germans back for a mile or more on a front of eight miles. Over three thousand prisoners were taken, and the German losses in killed and wounded were quite large. The attack was irresistible, because of the terrible destruction wrought by the guns before the infantry followed the barrage over the shell-swept desolation that had been a German stronghold. The British were easily able to repel all counter-attacks and to consolidate the ground taken. The Associated Press cable says that this victory "has demonstrated the utility of the new German system of holding the line thinly with troops scattered over a great depth and depending mainly on shell holes and small redoubts for defence in place of the trenches formerly employed." It is quite clear that the Germans are outclassed, and that they are being worn down with a deadly precision. It is merely a question of how long they can stand the punishment.

Canadians rejoice to learn that the Australians especially distinguished themselves in this fight. The story is told in one sentence: "They dogged a barrage fire so close that they were upon the Hun before the latter could spring from their crouching positions." Nothing could restrain them, and they were splendidly supported by English and Scotch battalions on either flank.

There is no special news of importance from other fronts, but the week-end finds the Russians still resisting strongly and the provisional government still in command of the situation in Petrograd.

Austria has replied to the peace note of the Pope. Condensed into one sentence it is to the effect that Austria-Hungary will be delighted if the Pope can get for Austria-Hungary what she wants. This is what is meant by the phrase "giving security to the Austro-Hungarian monarchy for its unhampered future development." Germany also "cherishes a lively desire" for peace which would make for unhampered development of her scheme of world domination. There will be no such peace terms as the Central Powers desire, since any such peace would be but a truce.

A report from Buenos Aires quotes a high government official as saying that war will probably be declared against Germany and troops sent to Europe. Steadily and inexorably the web of fate is being woven around the Central Powers. The end may yet be far off, but there is no escape.

## ALL MUST ASSIST

Food-Controller Hoover of the United States says that the war will be won by starvation, and the victory will go to the side best able to organize its resources for food production and conservation. He also makes it clear that the United States will no longer furnish food neutrals, to be passed on by them to Germany.

Just now, in the city of St. John as well as in the rest of Canada, the question of food conservation is receiving special attention. The people are asked to make such substitution of food products as will liberate more wheat, beef and bacon for export to Europe. Whatever we may think of a government which preaches economy and sacrifice while it practices extravagance and gives aid to the profiteer, it is nevertheless a duty to do what is asked in this matter of general food control. Canada and the United States at best will be unable to supply even two thirds of the quantity of wheat they should send to the Allies in Europe. Hence every housekeeper should sign the food pledge and do all that is possible to release more wheat and flour for export. If starvation is to win the war we must do our share to prevent the Allies from being starved. The submarine menace has not been removed. Both shipping and supplies are still being destroyed at a rate which cannot but give rise to serious apprehension. It is up to the people of this city and province in the matter of food production and to do more than they have yet done food control.

## FOOD AND PRICE CONTROL

The Toronto Star Weekly makes some observations on the contrast between food control in Canada and in England that are calculated to make the Canadian housekeeper do some hard thinking. We quote:

"Yet another week has gone by, and still people are asking what the food controller is doing in the way of reducing food prices to a more reasonable level, and still there is no satisfactory reply to their question. He has done nothing to bring down the prices of bread, meat, or milk—in fact there are reports that the price of the last-named will shortly be raised in Toronto. On Monday next the 4-lb. loaf will commence being sold for 18 cents in Great Britain. Here we pay 22 cents for a 3-lb. loaf. That is to say, the British householder pays 4½ cents a lb. for

bread, and we pay 7½ cents—nearly 8 cents a lb. more. The British Food Controller has fixed maximum prices for meat. The effect of one of his orders is that the retail butcher must not sell meat over the counter at prices exceeding the price paid by him for such meat by more than 5 cents a pound or twenty per cent, whichever is the less. Out of this difference the butcher has to pay all expenses of rent, rates, carriage, wages, and all other business expenses, including his personal remuneration."

Of course the explanation of the difference is that in England the food controller was not appointed by a government which cared more for the interests of the profiteers than for the people. Food control in Canada to date has consisted largely in asking the people to eat less wheat, beef and bacon. In England there is talk of compulsory rations. In Canada it is largely a case of go as you please, and price control in the interests of the consumer is not attempted at all.

Of the Borden government's abuse of its powers in the matter of closure, the Halifax Recorder says:—"When the Nationalist navy bill was introduced the Liberals fought it hard and asked that it at least be put before the people before adopted. It was then that closure was forced upon parliament in order to put the bill through the commons. Premier Borden solemnly announced that this arbitrary instrument was not for common use. He has changed his mind since. The act, meant ostensibly to fight obstruction, has been used to prevent discussion and to brazenly force measures through the house that are definitely aimed at obtaining vast campaign funds and to place the party back in office. Instead of expediting the business of the country, the closure has been used to stifle discussion and to force through legislation of a character nothing less than criminal. Freedom has received a severe blow at the hands of torism in this country and the gag has been the weapon used. Canadians had better see to it that they do not end this war against tyranny by losing the very liberties for which they are fighting."

The Toronto Weekly Sun, which represents the farmers of Ontario, has this to say about the disfranchisement of naturalized aliens:—"The disfranchisement of naturalized aliens is a breach of faith for which there is no justification. Their number is too small to influence, in any event, the election, or, in Mr. Meighen's high-sounding phrase, the destiny of our country. Our conclusion is that these men are deprived of the right to vote as a foil for the real enterprise, which is to multiply the soldier vote by enfranchising the soldiers' women. It is a clumsy and unscrupulous venture in soldier politics, which, if respect for democracy is not a mere affectation, ought to stir every citizen to just indignation. The expression of public opinion having been suppressed, we are unable to estimate the effect of the act on the people. From Canadian history we learn that the bitterest controversies have been about parliamentary representation, all the way back from the Act of 1867."

Toronto Globe: "Hundreds of thousands of women who have been engaged, at the sacrifice of time and money for the past three years, in rendering valuable service to the soldiers at the front feel deeply indignant at the slight put upon them and their work by the War-time Elections Act. Even if the Premier's objection to granting the franchise to foreign-born women, owing to difficulties connected with varying methods of naturalization, were valid, that objection does not lie against women who are British citizens by nativity; they are so because they were born within the British Empire. While the unit was in progress through the House of Commons an amendment was moved to extend the franchise to such British women and it was voted down. These women will not take the deprivation with such absence of resentment as some people predict. They are quite as fit to be entrusted with the franchise as are those to whom it has been granted."

The food-controller's sole object thus far revealed is to get more food exports for Europe. It was expected he would also try to get lower prices for consumers in Canada, but there is nothing doing. The Borden government is not worrying about the Canadian consumer.

Liberals with some at the front will soon learn from the Tory press how utterly and shamefully disloyal they are.

The Standard will observe that Mr. James G. Watterson is still president of the Trades and Labor Congress.

Milk and coal are still interesting topics of conversation in St. John. The talk does not affect the price.

## Alternative

Willis—What are you going to do in his war?  
Gillis—What do you mean?  
Willis—Go to the front and intrench or stay home and retrench?

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Point of View  
Rural Cop—Say, you're goin' too fast. Autoist (trying his new machine)—Not on your life! If I can't get more speed out of her than this, I'm stuck.

The Prime Minister  
Office—What do the army regulations make the first requisite in order that a man be buried with military honors?  
Private Casey—He must be dead, sor.

Four a.m. to Eight p.m.  
"Did you have the eight-hour system on the farm where you worked?"  
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(Toronto Globe)

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## CANNING APPLES

There are many ways in which windfall and cull apples may be made into valuable and palatable food products, such as apple sauce, cider, apple sirup, cider vinegar, jelly, preserves, etc., says Friday's bulletin of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission of the United States.

In this lesson the bulletin offers this recipe for canning apples for pie filling. Wash, core and pare the apples, and remove all decayed or injured spots. Slice apples quickly into a basin, containing slightly salted cold water (about 1 teaspoonful per gallon to keep from discoloring). Pack fresh cold product in glass jars or tin cans. Add one cupful of hot, thin sirup of about 18 degrees density (or about 1 pound of sugar to 4½ pints of water) to each quart of fruit. If using glass cans, put on the rubbers and screw on the tops, but do not seal completely. If using tin cans, cap and tip, sealing up completely. Sterilize 12 minutes in hot-water bath, homemade outfit; 10 minutes in water-sealed outfit; 6 minutes under five pounds of steam pressure; 4 minutes in aluminum pressure cooker. Remove jars, tighten covers, invert to cool and test joints. Wrap in paper and store.

This filling can be used for making apple pies in the same way that fresh apples would be used, with the exception that the sirup must be poured off and less sugar should be used. Since the apples have already been cooked, only enough heat is needed to cook the

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Secure from your druggist 1 oz. Parmit (Double Strength), about 90 cents worth. Take this home and add to it 1-4 pint of hot water and 4 oz. of granulated sugar, stir until dissolved. Take one tablespoonful four times a day. Parmit is used in this way not only to reduce by tonic action the inflammation and swelling in the Eustachian Tubes, and thus to equalize the air pressure on the drum, but to correct any excess of secretions in the middle ear, and the results it gives are nearly always quick and effective.

Every person who has catarrh in any form should give this recipe a trial.

## USE THE WARM AD. WAY