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THE WAR SITUATION.

The most careful observer is unable to analyze the European situation and forecast the outcome of movements now in progress in Central Europe. We are told that Socialist newspapers are now forbidden to be sent to German soldiers, and that there is a widening breach between the extreme militarists and those who would be content with much more moderate peace terms. It is clear that Russia and Germany are not getting along satisfactorily with their negotiations, but the internal situation in Russia is very bad and future developments very uncertain. The Allies are holding their ground on all other fronts, but are unable to make any important gains. The one thing to do, from the Allied standpoint, is to proceed as if the war would last another year or two, and make every preparation to secure supplies of every kind, as well as reinforcements for the armies. The food and fuel problems grow more serious and the question of transportation becomes more and more important as the weeks pass. Germany will still take a lot of beating, and the strain upon the Allies grows ever more heavy. The gravity of the situation must be brought more and more clearly home to the people. The Hun is still at the gate.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Five boys yesterday were before the court. Five girls are there today. The increase in juvenile wrong-doing is a matter which ought to arouse the people of St. John to a keener sense of responsibility. The fault lies first with parents who take no interest in their children and are indifferent to their companionship. Home life has ceased in far too large proportion to have any attraction for young people. The craving for sensation and excitement is fostered by the experiences of the young when left largely to their own devices, and evil results follow. And where parents fail in their duty the community also fails. It does not make better provision for the healthy activity of youth under some sort of supervision. We are too selfish, too self-centred, too indifferent to the whole question of community welfare. Because this is true, there is an alarming increase in juvenile delinquency.

What can we do? We should begin with a school census and a rigid enforcement of school attendance. We should have medical inspectors and school nurses, the latter visiting the children's homes. We should have continuation schools for working boys and girls. The school buildings should be made available for social welfare work. Young girls should not be permitted to parade in pairs up and down the most frequented streets at night. By the organization of community centres in all parts of the city, healthy influences should be made to reach out to every home where childhood is in danger of being robbed of its birthright.

AN AMAZING STATEMENT.

An amazing statement was made by Dr. J. E. Dube, one of the examining physicians, before Mr. Justice Coderre, in Montreal this week, in relation to the health of the young men who are now being examined for military service. According to the Montreal Star's report, he said "he was appalled at the amount of disease and diseases prevailing among men of military age, and he expressed the opinion that if the government had in mind the establishment of a federal medical bureau, now was the chance to do the Canadian race a lot of good."

"This war," said Dr. Dube, "has shown us doctors one thing that we feared, but which we never thought so appalling: the prevalence of diseases among the young generation. It is true that the few flowers of our manhood have already enlisted and responded to the call of voluntary service, but the situation as we find it is still very grave, and I express the wish that in the near future the problem will be tackled with energy by the government."

Asked by his lordship to what cause he attributed most of the disease found, Dr. Dube unhesitatingly said: "To the cigarette habit."

"I never could understand," he continued, "why tobacco companies did such enormous business. I do now, however. Our young men are perverted, not so much by the excessive use of liquor as by cigarettes. I have examined scores of young men who confessed to me that they smoked from two to five packages of cigarettes every day. In a very few cases, comparatively, I found disease prevailing due to the excess of liquor, but the ravages of the cigarette habit are beyond expression."

It will doubtless be claimed by most people that Dr. Dube's charge is too sweeping, and that the proportion of young men injured to the extent he describes by the cigarette habit is really very small. He would probably find very few physicians to agree with him. Nobody will question for a moment the statement that an excessive use of cigarettes will greatly injure the health, or deny that the habit is especially harmful to boys. It is worth while to have attention directed to the matter, for there are far too many boys of ten to

fifteen years addicted to the cigarette habit. It stunts their growth, undermines their health, and excessive indulgence dulls even their moral perceptions. It is one of the vices of youth which should be sternly repressed by parents, teachers and companions of the young.

STICK TO THE TASK.

The Toronto Star makes some observations that are particularly well-timed. It says:—

"There may be much or little in all this talk about conditions in Germany and the probability of a breakdown of military rule, but it would be a tremendous blunder for those entrusted with war efforts of any kind in Canada, United States, Britain, France, Italy, to pause, listen, and be influenced for a moment by reports of this kind from Germany into relaxing in the smallest degree the war efforts they are making. The idea that the war is 'just about over' could, if it got abroad and ran unchecked, just about paralyze the immense preparations being made by the United States, so that by next May the Americans would not be able to do anything like what France hopes and expects of them by that time. If Germany, by exhibiting signs of distress and evidences of collapse, could fool America into slowing down her efforts, Berlin would consider this a good winter's work. In Canada we know that mischief was done by the prevalence of the idea, one, two, and even three years ago, that 'the war is nearly over, and it is too late now' to do this or that thing which ought to have been done at the start. But, in Canada, many things that were not done three years ago because it was then considered 'too late,' have been done or are now being done with deliberation and thoroughness in the fourth year of the war."

The Montreal Gazette says:—"One reason for the coal shortage to Ottawa, according to Mr. W. F. O'Connor, K. C., is that some consumers have obtained and stored a great deal more than they require to carry them through the winter. It is suggested that in such cases the surplus be taken from the cellars and sheds and sold to citizens who have none. That would be only fair in the circumstances. The situation suggests that measures will have to be taken to prevent hoarding of fuel in the future. Stricter food and fuel regulations are in store for Canadians unless the war is brought to an end before long." Why not apply this to the huge stocks in certain lines held in cold storage? It has been suggested that the government might very properly assume control of the cold storage plants. That would help.

The debate in the Quebec legislature on the question of withdrawing that province from the confederation is a waste of valuable time, and will create no serious impression in the country at large. There was once a repeal movement in Nova Scotia, but it did not have any other than a passing political effect. The people of Quebec will not be misled by the few agitators who are behind the present movement there. Canada is not to be dismembered, nor will Quebec consent to a policy of isolation.

Hon F. B. Carvell was given a notable reception in New York, and made a marked impression by his address to the Canadian Club of that city. He is recognized as an able and fearless man, who takes his duties very seriously and is determined to perform them to the limit of his ability. We may anticipate vigorous government action if Mr. Carvell and his Liberal colleagues are able to impress their views upon the prime minister.

The people at Glen Falls and along the line between the city and that place have been greatly inconvenienced by the severe storm which stopped the street car service. They did not anticipate any such experience, for they relied on a continuous service.

There is dissatisfaction in England over the distribution of food. The workers demand that rich and poor be treated alike. If that is not being done the workers have a good case. There should be equality of sacrifice and service when the very life of the nation is at stake.

The order for standard flour and standard bread in Canada will soon be issued, and will be one more reminder of the seriousness of the food situation, which has not yet impressed itself upon the minds of the people to the extent that it is necessary if we are to do our part in the war.

The Red Cross will need more supplies this year than last. It should be provided with all the funds necessary to carry on a work that means so much to the sick and wounded.

The shutting down of manufacturing plants for a few days, despite a vigorous protest from the senate and the people concerned, will at least bring home to the people of the United States a sense of the reality of war needs.

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THE END OF THE WALK.

(Douglas Malloch.)

Out to the end of the sidewalk Daddy and Mother and I
Often go walking on a Sunday—that's if the weather is dry—
Out past the stores and the houses, out past the farthest one,
Where it is sunny and sandy—my, but I think it is fun!

Out at the end of the sidewalk daisies grow right by the road—
Not like the flowers in a garden, daisies that God must s'ow—
Burdock and mullein and milkweed, sorrel and grasses and trees,
Sometimes a sassafras, maybe, sometimes a handful of cheese.

Out to the end of the sidewalk—that must be surely a mile—
Daddy—he says I'm a walker—lets me sit down for awhile.
Then he says, "Well, little lady, home again—what do you say?"
This is as far as we better try walking today.

Out at the end of the sidewalk, you can see way to a hill.
Sometimes I go going to climb it—when I get bigger I will.
Daddy says, "What do you think you will see just some new hill to be climbing, far from your mother and me."

"Out to the end of the sidewalk—let's go on way to a hill."
Sometimes I know, you will wonder further than this anyhow.
But, while we can play and can talk—let us walk out on a Sunday just to the end of the sidewalk.

LIGHTER VEIN

A Dark Mystery.

(New York Evening Sun.)

A new item said the other day: Col. E. M. House arrived at an American port a few hours after his arrival gave a reception to his friends at his city home at 83 East Sixty-second street. How the colonel does—age to hide things from us. Now we are forced to guess that the colonel arrived at San Francisco via Moscow, Bombay, Coochin China and Labrador.

Rome's Quiet Unbroken.

One of the good stories in circulation is told by Joe Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson. He likes his job, but he dislikes one thing about it; that he can't tell the boys—the friendly reporters—about all they wish to know. He illustrated his inability to give information once by quoting the case of John W.

Johnny was crying in the hall as his mother came along, hatted and coated. She asked what had happened.
"You are going away; and so is papa," Johnny sobbed.
"Why, child, I shall be away two or three days, but father is not going away."
"Yes, he is," cried Johnny. "He's going to Rome."
"What do you mean, dear?" asked the surprised mother.
"He said today to Mr. Brown that he would make Rome howl when you left."
"Indeed, well, dear, I shan't leave you now."

What Sandy Thought.

Sandy had been courting Janet for the last two years. One evening, after a silence lasting nearly an hour, Janet murmured:
"A penny for yer thoughts, Sandy!"
"Well," replied Sandy, with sudden boldness, "I was just thinking how fine it would all be if ye were to give me a kiss!"
Janet complied and again there was silence.
"An' what are ye thinking about now, Sandy?"
"Janet ventured after a bit, "alder!"
"Na, na, lassie; it's mair serious the noo! I was just thinkin' that it was about time ye were payin' me that penny for me thoughts!"

The Slim Recruit.

Nothing appeals to the soldier's sense of humor as strongly as the physical eccentricities of his comrades. A tall, lean recruit had just joined up in England. A sergeant and lieutenant were discussing him.

"It's thin as a ramrod and he don't even look strong enough to 'clap in' the store," complained the sergeant.
"He'll do to clean the rifles," answered the lieutenant.
"And 'twas a goin' to pull 'im through!" wailed the sergeant in a defiant manner.

At a largely attended meeting of Carleton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, held in their rooms last evening, the following officers were installed: Key: H. E. Deputy Grand Priest H. A. Porter, assisted by V. E. Companion George E. Day as high priest; J. C. Earle, king; S. T. Parkhill, scribe; Dr. L. A. Langstroth, secretary; H. A. Porter, treasurer; S. P. McCavour, C. of H.; W. R. White, P. S.; F. W. Hewitson, R. A. C.; G. C. Coomb, M. B. V.; D. D. Betts, M. 2 V.; J. H. Kelly, M. 1 V.; Robert Clarke, Tyler.

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GIRLS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF STEALING

Detective Duncan, assisted by Policemen Hopkins and Matron Ross, has settled the matter of several petty thefts in the city, and four young girls have been arrested. It is understood that more are concerned. The mother of one of the girls is also charged with receiving stolen goods. The girls were before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon and were remanded until this afternoon. They were cured for last night at the Good Shepherd Monastery and the Children's Aid Home.

According to the police a number of thefts of money and various articles were reported to them, but nothing definite could be learned nor the responsibility placed. On Wednesday Detective Duncan was called to Henry H. Doberty's store in Haymarket square and from information received he was informed that two days previous and "tipped the tip" for some \$5 of ready cash. Suspicion rested in certain quarters and the suspects were watched. The proprietor of the shop stated that two little girls came to his store and asked for a calendar and when the owner was inside securing the desired article the till was robbed by the girls and \$5 taken. Money in a similar manner was reported missing from the store of J. R. Logan in the same locality, following a visit from two of the girls. Detective Duncan visited the home of the suspects, but they denied their guilt, but said they would make good the money rather than have "any fuss made."

However, the detention of the two girls was inevitable, and with information secured two others were taken into custody also.

It was learned that against these girls thefts from the Dufferin Hotel of the various lines of forestry and fire protection work with a view to combining them under a single head. This would mean the establishment of a genuine provincial forest service with a co-ordinated staff handling fire protection, scaling, enforcement of cutting regulations on crown lands and continuation of the forest survey and land classification. It would also mean a permanent fire-fighting staff with adequate financial support, partly derived from assessments on timber

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