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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 WAR SITUATION.

Although the despatches from the war zone do not bring the best sort of news, telling of German advances, particularly in the eastern area, it must be remembered that the Kaiser's forces must make still greater advances before they can make up for the severe defeats they have already suffered. And this is taking the German estimate of operations at its German value, a process which experience has taught to be a risky one. Some days ago the German news agencies reported that the Teutonic troops had scored great successes over the Russians; later advances, this time from Petrograd, changed the complexion of events, and it was shown that the great "success" could be very largely discounted. Now it is reported that the Germans have made notable advances into Russian territory. Petrograd has not yet been heard from, but as there has been no disposition on the part of the Russian commanders to hide the truth, it may be taken for granted that the Russian statement when it comes will more nearly represent the real condition.

On the western front, too, there is little reason for discouragement. The Germans, by the use of poisonous gases, captured some positions on Hill No. 60, where some of the most desperate fighting of the war has taken place, but the British and French troops have regained part of the lost territory and are in a fair way to restore their line to its former position.

The most important operation of the week, however, is being carried out in the campaign against the Turks in the Dardanelles. In the face of the most determined resistance the Allied troops succeeded in landing forces on an open beach and establishing themselves in strong positions in the Gallipoli Peninsula. The bombardment of the Dardanelles positions from the sea is continuing with success, and the British and French forces are gradually winning their way to the capture of Constantinople.

A notable feature of the campaign against the Turks is the bravery displayed by the Australian and New Zealand contingents. Like the Canadians in the vicinity of Ypres, they were heavily engaged and suffered severe losses, but they did the duty required of them and left their mark on the enemy in true British style. In short the quality shown by the fighting men of the Overseas Dominions of the British Empire has been an outstanding feature of this war. Prior to the opening of hostilities it was the belief in Germany that the daughter states of the Empire would not be so ready to respond to the call of the Mother, but the falsity of this was quickly shown. In a very few weeks after the outbreak of war Canadian, Australian, New Zealand and Indian troops were on the fighting lines doing their share and doing it in a fashion which told more plainly than words that the blood of the Mother still flows in the sons. After this war is over the daughter states of the Empire will be accorded a still higher place in the affection and esteem of the people of Great Britain, and Canada will rank with the best.

THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

The session of the Provincial Legislature which closed on Wednesday was one of the most successful ever held, both in point of the quantity and value of legislation placed on the provincial statute books and in the harmony displayed during all the sittings. Of the legislation passed, two measures are of outstanding importance. In the amended liquor license act this province now has the most advanced temperance legislation ever adopted by a Canadian province. While it marks a long step in the direction of temperance it is also eminently fair to the men who have large sums of money invested in the liquor business and who, consequently, are entitled to consideration.

The situation in connection with the St. John Valley Railway was settled by a difficult one but it has been well met by the new act. Under its provisions the province secures a greater control of the railway and is in a position to assure its early completion.

Already the province is in receipt of forty per cent. of the gross earnings of the completed portion of the road between Fredericton and Centerville and as the length of the line in operation is added to, these receipts will grow accordingly. The province will be absolutely assured against any loss in the matter of interest on the guaranteed bonds. While the two acts mentioned were the most important ones passed at the session there was a great quantity of other useful legislation placed on the statute books. Such included the Probate Courts Act making necessary and beneficial changes in the former measure.

One notable feature of the session was the admirable manner in which Premier Clarke discharged the arduous duties of leadership. In every way he has measured up to expectations and greatly strengthened himself in the esteem and confidence of the people as the leader of what is eminently a "fair play government." Referring to the premier the Fredericton Gleaner says in part: "Although in anything but robust health, the Premier has never spared himself in the slightest degree; and he has in every way shown that he possesses all those qualities of statesmanship which were freely predicted of him when he assumed the leadership of the government. Attorney General Baxter, too, as a new member of the Executive, has more than 'made good.' He has brought his knowledge and ripe experience as a practising barrister to bear on the duties of his office, and much of the legislation which has occupied the attention of the House this session is due to his initiative. He has turned his knowledge, gained by daily experience in the courts, to some practical purpose, and the result is the amendment and simplification of many points of legal procedure."

THERE CAN BE NO PEACE YET.

Those good ladies who are meeting at The Hague to discuss peace will make many new friends and, doubtless, will enjoy each other's society, but will accomplish little of real value. Their mission is untimely. They are talking peace when there is no peace, when there can be no peace until the wrongs of Belgium have been righted and the dragon of Prussian militarism so thoroughly subdued that it will never again raise its threatening head.

There are mothers and widows and sisters in every portion of the riddled lands, in France, Russia and Belgium in whose ears the death cry of sons, of husbands or brothers, will ring and reverberate until they, too, have passed to the beyond. There are fathers and sons and brothers who thirst to avenge the death or injury of loved ones. This war was started as a crusade of right against wrong, of truth against error, ignorance and injustice. With all due deference to the ethical conception of the relation of man to man it may be fairly said to have passed that stage. The men in the trenches are fighting for a cause, but their arms have been steeled and their hearts hardened by German brutality and bloodlust.

While this is so there can be no peace. Until Germany has been crushed so that she will never again transform a world of peaceful progress and human development into a world of blood and tears and retrogression, the struggle must go on. Lives will be lost, blood must be shed, hearts must bow in grief and sorrow, but the process cannot stop. Peace will come, but it must come as it will and with the fullness of achievement. Until that day Peace Conferences, Peace Palaces and Peace Propaganda will be of little avail.

The Standard extends hearty congratulations to "Doctor" J. B. M. Baxter, and "Doctor" J. Roy Campbell, both of whom were honored by Kings College yesterday with the degree of D. C. L. No two members of the Bar of New Brunswick more richly merit the honor, and Kings honors herself in honoring them.

WELL SPOKEN

(Hamilton Herald)
"I am a Belgian before anything, and I cannot think as you do. There can be no peace without justice. The war must continue until the Belgians' wrongs have been righted. There

must be no mediation except at the bar of justice."

So spoke a Belgian woman at The Hague women's convention. Those words, noble as they are, are merely an echo of the response of the Hamilton women to the peace petitions from the United States. The women are ready to suffer, even to die, rather than give way to an ignominious peace. All honor to them. With such women, how can men do other than fight their way to victory or to death?

AN OUTLINE OF THE GREEKS' POSITION

Utterances of M. Venizelos help student of International Politics to make shrewder guess at likely drift of future events.

London, May 6.—With a shrug of the shoulders and an action of the hands expressive of much complexity, a well-known European diplomatist remarked to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor recently that Rumania's delay in taking a final decision was not due to any uncertainty as to her real desire but entirely to the extraordinary tangle into which the negotiations in the near east had woven themselves. Something of what these negotiations really are is gradually becoming apparent. Never before, perhaps, in the history of the near east, has it been found so impossible for one of the countries within the pale of this designation to move without being first careful to adjust its relations with its immediate neighbors. Serbia, it is true, was plunged into war with Austria whilst all the other Balkan states held aloof. Nevertheless the near eastern diplomatists stand convinced that Serbia's case only represents the supposititious exception which prove a supposititious rule, and that it would not be safe for any one country to move without having come to an understanding with all the others.

The position of Rumania has been defined to the fullest extent of available information. For the moment the fog of diplomacy shows no sign here of clearing further. In Greece, however, matters are different, and as M. Venizelos unobscures himself to the Athens press, makes public his memoranda to the King, the history of recent happenings in Greece becomes every day clearer, and the student of international politics is every day able to make a shrewder guess at the probable drift of events in the future. M. Venizelos is a man of big ideas. The Greek people, who, some five years ago, hailed his advent to the premiership with such joy, and spoke of him as the wonderful visitor from Crete, have had reason ever since to place their fullest confidence in his foresight and political wisdom. It is generally admitted that Greece today owes her position largely to M. Venizelos' energy. When the news of his resignation became known, the surprise, almost amounting to bewilderment, which this information occasioned was quickly followed by the firmly expressed conviction that his retirement was only temporary and would be recalled to office. Days, however, are passing into weeks and weeks will very shortly multiply into months, and yet M. Venizelos is still out of office, and the latest news speaks of his definite retirement from politics. The breach between him and M. Constantine, always wide enough, has become more definitely fixed, and the failure of the former premier and his friends to put in an appearance at the recent national festivals has made it clear not only to the Greek people but to the larger world outside the kingdom that M. Venizelos and King Constantine are no longer in agreement than they were a month ago.

Concerning M. Venizelos' policy and ambitions there has been a good deal of uncertainty, and statement and contradiction from either side have followed each other rapidly. This much, however, is now rapidly clear, that M. Venizelos recognized that Bulgaria was the key to the position; that Bulgaria must somehow or other be placated in order that Serbia might be safeguarded from attack in that quarter, and Rumania also left free from such a menace. Bulgaria, as all the world knows, was hankering after Kavalla. M. Venizelos, with that larger view which is not afraid to sacrifice something actually in hand for a brilliant possibility, was willing to sacrifice Kavalla, to hand it back to Bulgaria on certain well defined and secure conditions, with the hope and expectation of vast territorial aggrandizement for his country in Asia Minor.

This expectation was based on something more, however, than M. Venizelos' political faith. M. Venizelos in his memorandum to the King on January 24, states that the British minister at Athens had, on that day, on behalf of his government, invited Greece to support Serbia and had given the assurance that the powers of the triple entente would in return be prepared to offer Greece suitable territorial concessions in Asia Minor.

M. Venizelos is nothing, if not definite, in his proposals. With a temerity which must have grievously shocked many diplomatists of the older school, who looked upon the Asia Minor

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

The fellow was setting awn my frunt steps yestiddy tawking and wundring weathir to get up a gain of sumthing or jest keep awn setting there, and Puds Simkins cam up with sumthing in his cap, saying, I bet nobody can guess wats in my cap, its alive.

Wich we all gessed different things, and Puds opened his cap and heer wat was it but a littel teritl, the only differnts beeing the size.

It puts its hed in its shell wen you touch it, thats moar than anybody heer can do, sed Puds. And he touchted it awn the nose and the teritl stuck its hed in and closed the door.

Teritls live to be 200 years old, sed Puds.

Wat, even a littel wun like that, sed Sid Hunt.

Sure, there awl littel to start with, it ust to be a egg wunts, sed Puds.

Ill tell you wat, sed my cuzzin Artie, lets form a teritl club, and evvry 5 years lets awl scratch our inishills awn this teritls back, and by the time we get about 90 years old you wud be abel to see his back for inishills.

G, awl rite, we awl sed, and Sam Krawse sed, Well wat if sum of us get married or move or sumthing.

Thats awl rite, sed Artie, no mattir if yuro at the utthr end of the world you got to kum and meet at Benny Pottess frunt steps wunts evvry 5 years and scratch pure inishills.

Yes, and aftir we die the teritl will still be alive and our childrin can kum and scratch thare inishills awn, I sed.

And we had a cleckshin to see who was going to be the officers of the club, and I was eleckid prezident awn akkount of it beeing my frunt steps we was going to meet awn evvry 5 years, and Artie was eleckid vice prezident for making up the club, and Puds was eleckid sekrettery and trezurer awn akkount of saying we coudent use his teritl if he wasent.

And aftir a wile he took the teritl home and the next day wen the club met to scratch thare inishills for thefirst 5 years they fownd thare wasent any club awn akkount of the teritl beeing dead, committing suicide by drinking sum ink wich Puds gave it to see if it wud.

or question as, now of all times, the unmentionable problem in international politics, M. Venizelos proceeds to outline step by step the frontier of the new Greece which he had in view. In his memorandum, which promises to become one of history's great documents, the former premier takes map and pen and starting from a point southwest of Cape Finika, draws his new frontier, proceeding by the mountains of Akdagh, Kistel Dagh, Karl Dagh, thence by Kessir Dagh, Surman Dagh, Chesil Dagh, Duman Dagh and Olympus, and terminating at Kaz Dagh and the Gulf of Edremid. These territories exceed in area 125,000 square kilometers. They are as large as the present extent of Greece. The portion to be ceded by Greece to Bulgaria, according to M. Venizelos' scheme, would be 2000 square kilometers, while Greece on the other hand would stand to receive from Serbia, territory amounting to 1000 square kilometers. As regards population, while Greece would be ceding 30,000 inhabitants, she would be claiming more than 800,000 in Asia Minor.

Allied diplomacy, however, a short time ago, evidently decided to take the plunge. The desire for a final settlement of all great questions near or remote has evidently proved sufficient to overcome all doubts as to issues which might be raised. It is in fact quite evident from M. Venizelos' statement that the Asia Minor question has for months past been discussed, even tentatively "settled." One of these tentative settlements M. Venizelos has just revealed to the world. It remains to be seen whether or not it has been finally disposed of. As has been said, the latest news from Athens speaks of the definite retirement of M. Venizelos, insinuating that his decision is irrevocable, and hints at the gradual settlement of Greece into a policy of non-intervention. It is impossible, of course, to see any distance ahead. M. Venizelos, in retirement, cannot prevent his views being vigorously urged up and down Greece by each and all of his many supporters, neither can he prevent the development, where he himself is concerned, of that added power which is one of the perquisites as it were of the "King in Exile." So matters stand at the moment of writing. Their further development is being regarded, not only in Greece, but far beyond its borders, with an interest such as few recent developments outside of the actual war operations have succeeded in arousing.

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