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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."—M. 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.

Judged by the standard of preceding days yesterday's cables from the war zone were not sensational, but they brought pleasing evidence to show the extent and importance of the most recent Allied gains. Much territory has been regained but the most notable advantage to the Allies is in the extraordinarily heavy casualties inflicted upon the Hun. The phrase "a war of extermination" has been objected to on the ground that it is no part of the Allied purpose to exterminate the German nation. But that phrase, when applied to the doctrines and disciples of Prussian Kultur, can be justified. A satisfactory peace cannot be made so long as advocates of Prussian methods continue to hold the whip hand in the Kaiser's domain and the most effective way to drive those gentlemen from their positions is to capture or slay the legions of fighting men who are putting their theories into practice and obeying their commands. Germany has lost her reason, and the only argument that can appeal to her is bitter, disastrous defeat. In driving that argument home in such fashion that it cannot be misunderstood the Allies are gaining a victory that is not to be counted in acres or miles of terrain.

Yesterday saw comparatively little hard fighting. The Allies made gains which, while inconsiderable compared with the preceding day's operations, would have been regarded as highly important a few months ago. Last night it was reported that the enemy is destroying his materials between Soissons and Rheims, an action which war reviewers contend points to a speedy evacuation of that territory. It is to be assumed that Foch will follow up his present advantage and give the retreating foe neither rest nor opportunity to regroup until he has been destroyed and routed.

The opinion is that Germany has already sustained the most disastrous defeat of the war, greater even than the achievements of the Russians when the ill-fated "steam roller" was pursuing Hindenburg back into East Prussia early in the war. There will be no further attempt to march on Paris for the power to take the offensive has passed from the Hun. Events to come can only emphasize the superiority of the Allied arms.

BRITISH SHIPPING PLANS.

Some time ago a committee was formed in Great Britain "to consider the position of the shipping industry after the war, especially in relation to international competition, and to report what measures, if any, are necessary and desirable to safeguard that position." That committee has recently submitted its report. It has based its recommendations on the hypothesis that the maritime ascendancy of the Empire must be maintained at all costs and that the grave wastage sustained by the merchant marine must be repaired without delay. In its report the committee says:

"We consider that no peace would be satisfactory which did not enforce the surrender of enemy shipping and inflict drastic and exemplary punishment for the enemy's crimes at sea."

"Enemy countries should be required as a condition of peace: (a) To surrender to the Allies all their merchant shipping, whether in enemy ports at the close of hostilities or in ports of countries still neutral; (b) To forfeit all ships laid up since the outbreak of hostilities in ports of countries that have become involved in war or have broken off diplomatic relations with them; and (c) To restore to the Allies all Allied shipping that may have come into their possession since the outbreak of hostilities."

The committee does not favor government control of shipping and urges that this system be abandoned as soon as possible after the war. It also recommends the prosecution of an energetic shipbuilding programme as soon as possible after the conclusion of peace. The report is interesting as it evidences a determination that after the war as before Britannia shall continue to exercise her benign control over the trade lanes of the deep.

A NEW ERA.

In Britain this year thousands of Englishmen celebrated the American Independence Day for the first time in history. The same spirit has prompted the formation of a Sammy's Blighty League, the founder of which explains that its purpose is to bring together the British mother and the American mother, "because we are going to take charge of the American mothers' sons."

By "taking charge," the Blighty League intends to take American boys in Britain into the homes of British fathers and mothers whose own sons are in France. And the visiting will

be well planned. Boys from American cities will be entertained by families in British cities. Sons of American farmers will be welcome guests of British farmers.

Up to the present Americans and Britishers have been content to recognize each other as cousins but if the visiting plan of the Blighty League works out as most similar plans have worked out there will be closer relationships in the not distant future.

MERELY LOOKING 'EM OVER.

Yesterday's Frederickton Gleaner chronicles the arrival of Hon. P. J. Veniot in Fredericton from Bathurst and says that he will leave for Gagetown this morning "to look over" the roads in that vicinity. This will be good news to the people of New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Veniot's effort to date has been largely confined to "overlooking" the roads, except in Gloucester County. It will be a decided relief to learn that he has stopped "overlooking" them and will now "look them over." We are willing to admit the compelling power concentrated in Mr. Veniot's cold glance but it will take more than a "look" from the master of the Foster administration to give the province as good roads as we enjoyed in the autumn of 1916.

WHERE VIENNA SMILES.

When the Italians were rolling up the Austrian armies on the Piave River a few weeks ago the authorities at Berlin were much out of patience with their Austrian allies and German newspapers did not withhold caustic criticism of Austrian strategy and military ability. If the authorities at the Austrian court and the editors of Vienna are furnished with anything like a true account of recent happenings on the Marne we can imagine that more than one Austrian countenance carries a quiet smile. The "Made in Germany" brand of offensive does not appear to be more successful than the Vienna product.

"To 800 tons of ice stored in shed at \$1.25 per ton, \$1,000." This was the bill accompanying the draft which figured in a lawsuit heard in Circuit Court yesterday. On the face of it it looks like a cold transaction.

The German Crown Prince has had an opportunity during the past few days to learn that war in France is not all made up of looting wine-cellars and pillaging silverware from abandoned chateaux.

Rupprecht of Bavaria has been summoned to the aid of the Kaiser's son and heir. It will be in the "necker" for Rupprecht.

A SUNDAY JOY RIDE; A SKETCH FROM LIFE

Characters
Jack—A man.
Jill—Not a man.
Scene—One of the Veniot "permanent" roads in Kings County—Subject of extravagant laudation in the venal press supporting the Veniot government.

Time—Sunday afternoon.
Enter an automobile containing Jack and Jill. Both look worried.

Jill—"What a glorious day for a ride. Isn't the scenery (bump) beautiful?"

Jack—"What lovely foliage! (Smash) — Business of disentangling himself from the windshield.

Jill—"How beautiful the river is (splash, swish through a small lake in the centre of the road)—with the shadows, (bump) and the reflections, (bang) and all."

Jack—"Yes, (bump) it is a good job that hole was no deeper, I can't swim."

Jill—"The country never looked so (bang) well and if we do find the roads a trifle moist (swish, splash, through another lake) Oh, there, I know my dress is ruined."

Jack—"Let me pull that robe up a little to protect your gown (bang, smash) Pardon me, I will remove myself from your lap just as soon as we get over this new road."

Jill—"Was that a lake or a new arm of the river we just crossed?"

Jack—"Hope you are not getting seasick (swish, splash, bang)."

Jill—"Oh, there is the house, we have arrived."

Jack—"So sorry (aside) another mile of this would be the death of me and the ruin of the car."

Jill—"I enjoyed the drive immensely. The motion was so entrancing."

Jack—"I am so glad" (aside) "the car will be cleaned by next week."

..... Later

Business of heavy thinking by both.

Jack—"What a nice girl."

Jill—"What a nice boy."

Both—"WHAT ROADS."

A BIT OF VERSE

THE WAR GOD
The War-god has walked in the wheat-field,
And eaten the children's bread.

The War-god went through the orchards,
And all of the trees are dead.
The War-god comes through the whole wide world,
Like a dragon that must be fed!

Now how shall we speak to the War-god,
And what shall our prayer be?
For never a prayer we know and love
Will be heard by such as he!
And we have no altars made for him,
Nor any psalmody.

We stand in the way of the War-god,
Where the little streams run red—
We have sworn to kill the War-god,
And will die for the word we said!
We have sworn that the fields shall be green again,
And give the children bread!

Oh! the earth is a strong, old mother,
And we look to her when we're down,
She will give us fields of clover and grain,
And good, green trees again,
And father's seeking a window light,
In the old, old way of men.

Then there shall be no more War-god,
For, out through the Milky Way,
Goes a host of men who have fought and died,
To carry his name away
And drop it into the Bottomless Pit,
To wait for the Judgement Day!
—Louise Driscoll in New York Times.

A BIT OF FUN

Friends in Need.
"A dog is man's best friend."
"I think a lot of a dog," commented the worried-looking man; "but the way things are going now, I guess a cow or a hen—Washington Star."

His Sensible Way.
"Pears like that there kid of yours is powerful dumb for his age," said a hyper-critical neighbor. "Can't he talk at all?"

"Shore, he can talk!" replied Mr. Gap Johnson, of Rumpus Ridge, Ark. "But he's tired of saying what cuss words he knows, and so he's keeping still till he learns some more."

S. R. O.
Kicker—Does your rheumatism trouble you when you're lying down?
Booker—No, only when I'm on my feet.
Knicker—Sort of standing rheum only.—Cartoons Magazine.

Closed Season.
"When is hog killing time?"
"Not before November."
"The end of the season has all the best of it, hasn't he?"—Kansas City Journal.

Great Discoveries.
"There isn't such much wire-pulling as there used to be."
"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "Next to the wireless telegraph I believe our greatest discovery is wireless politics."—Washington Star.

INCREASES GRANTED UNDER MCADOO AWARD

For Unorganized Men on August 1—Union Men on Expiration of Present Schedules.

H. C. Groat, superintendent of the eastern division of the C. P. R., said last night that the increases granted to the men under the McAdoo award would in the case of unorganized men go into effect on August 1, and in the case of the union men would go into effect on the expiration of the present schedules.

The increase runs from forty-three per cent. in the case of men getting from \$45 to \$50 per month, down to one per cent., ceasing with the men who are getting \$250 or over per month. Men getting less than \$40 per month get a flat increase of \$20.

MUCH EXCITEMENT AT BOUNDARY CREEK

Horse Falls Into Well, Is Killed and Man Injured in Attempt At Rescue.

Moncton, July 22.—On Saturday afternoon Mr. Lemuel Wilnot, of Boundary Creek, had his misfortune in a peculiar manner. The animal, it appears, walked on to the plank of a deep well which was covered over in this manner in order to prevent the loss of a very valuable team horse in a peculiar manner. The animal, it appears, walked on to the plank of a deep well which was covered over in this manner in order to prevent the loss of a very valuable team horse in a peculiar manner. The animal, it appears, walked on to the plank of a deep well which was covered over in this manner in order to prevent the loss of a very valuable team horse in a peculiar manner.

Nearly spectators responded quickly to assist in getting the horse out of the well. In order to get the horse out it was necessary to erect a sort of scaffolding over the well. While doing this a piece of timber fell, striking Mr. Charles Corey, a neighbor, on the head, rendering him unconscious for over an hour.

When the horse was lifted out of the well it was quite dead.

FARMER KILLS TWO BANDITS

Two Men Attempt Robbery in Quebec Province and Meet Their Match.

Montreal, July 22.—A farmer living at Kildare, twenty-five miles south of Montreal, in an encounter with three masked men on Saturday night, killed two. It is reported the bandits attempted to hold him up in his house.

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THE PARK AVENUE NEWS

Weather. So hot you keep on noticing it. Sports. Leroy Shooter practiced staying under water without breath while he was taking a bath last Saturday night, thinking it might be useful in case he was ever attacked by a submarine some time while he was swimming in the middle of the ocean somewhere. He says he stayed under three minutes without coming up, but no official timekeeper was there and some people don't believe it.

Intristia Facts about Intristia People. Sid Hunt was doing his lessons one afternoon and a sparrow flew in one window and out the other, Sid Hunt thinking it mite of his good luck, maybe.

Sisley. A informal bankwit took place Saturday afternoon just after Mr. Puds Simkins was saw trying to quick stick a half of a lemon pie in his pocket. Among those who took part was Mr. Benny Fotts, Mr. Sam Cross, Mr. Ed Wernick and Mr. Algerin (Skinny) Martin.

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THE ALLIED ADVANCE STILL IN PROGRESS

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When the Bavarian Crown Prince answered the German Crown Prince's appeal for help and sent some of his divisions from the Picardy front to aid the Germans in the Marne salient an equal number of British divisions was detached from the northern front and moved to the battle sector southwest of Rheims. The British divisions are composed of picked troops.

It is interesting to note that the British divisions on the front southwest of Rheims have again taken the same place in the battle order which the British occupied when driven back the May offensive. Their transport from the British front to the Champagne front was executed in a most skillful manner.

French Over Marne

French troops, says La Liberté, continue to cross the river Marne in strong force northeast of Chateau Thierry. They are following rapidly on the heels of the enemy who cannot long hold ground with General De Mitty's army coming up from the south and General Degoutte's army coming from the west. The latter army has already reached the region of Chateau Wood. General Degoutte's troops which have been fighting hard since the beginning of the counter offensive, last night crushed the effort made by the Germans and took 1,000 prisoners.

Information received in Paris this morning says that the French patrols operating beyond Chateau-Thierry have learned that the retreat of the Germans extends several miles deep. The German artillery can scarcely be heard, this decidedly indicating that the big guns have been ordered removed to the rear.

Rapid Retreat

In their rapid advance north of the River Ourcq French infantry secured a battery of French six inch guns which the French had abandoned on May 27. Since that time the guns have been used by the Germans. The French immediately put them into action against the enemy as the Germans did not have time to destroy them.

All the military critics in the newspapers, after an examination of the tactical position and the strategic situation have come to the conclusion that:

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