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**OPINIONS OF ORLICK****WONDERFUL CELEBRATIONS**

Since the armistice was signed Newfoundland has done nothing but celebrate the victory achieved. When it was known here that fighting had ceased we began immediately to prove our patriotism. A notice appeared in the 'News' that a parade was to be held an hour or so later, and with such ample time for preparation one was absolutely astounded at the magnitude of the vast array, particularly the Brigades. The R. N. R. and Regiment were, of course, ready at any time, but when a public holiday had been proclaimed not many people were going out early enough to purchase the 'News' and consequently were unable that anything of any importance was to be held. The result was that the parade was practically a farce but considering that the Kaiser was burnt in effigy, we are all now convinced that a great deal of good was accomplished; and we may be sure that we proved our patriotism to the satisfaction of all. Apart from that one holiday being given nothing else was done in the way of celebration, although in England the workers were given a week off. There were rumours here that the day after Christmas Day was to be a public holiday, but it was subsequently reported that the clerks did not deserve it. No one knows just what clerks were of this opinion, but I presume it must have been the Importers' Association, who thought, evidently, that by closing the stores for a whole week they would be subjected to an irretrievable loss, particularly as the war is now over and trade will soon resume normal, when there will be no opportunity of making the usual excessive profits.

AFTER HONORS

It is perfectly true that many of our merchants were prominent in working or the war, but judging from their conduct in charging excessive prices for goods which people were compelled to purchase to keep alive, we are compelled to believe that these patriotic merchants were patriotic merely for personal aggrandizement, and even today they unnecessarily increase their prices and we are compelled to realize that they are getting an honor of some kind for performing war work. And these are men the soldiers and sailors—the men who fought and bled for us—must now listen to spouting patriotism to order. What a farce! Of course, in England the signing of the armistice was considered a time for rejoicing, but even if our merchants—or some of them—considered it a time for mourning they could have permitted their employees to have some time off to mourn too.

Even when the last contingent of soldiers returned such an event was not considered of sufficient importance to close the stores even for an hour, with the result that these men arrived here and the only cheers they received were those they gave themselves.

As a matter of fact, some of the seriously wounded ones were compelled to use 'shank's mare' to get to the Institute, and even then were obliged to carry not only their kit bags but in some cases a valise as well. Obviously there were no gentlemen down around there who appreciated the soldiers' sacrifices on their behalf sufficiently to help them with their baggage. If a batch of Germans came here we could not treat them any worse, but I venture to say that they would be welcomed with open arms. Certainly all the Germans are not in Germany.

We knew weeks before they arrived that these men were coming and we knew also what time the steamer passed Cape Race, so that it was absolute neglect on somebody's part that little or no preparations were made to receive them, even though those in authority were aware that some of the men were badly wounded. A funeral could not be more solemn than the reception given these men, some of whom had been prisoners of war in Germany and expected to be, at least, told what they were to do when they arrived. Apart from those whose friends were able to meet them, however, they did not know where they had to go or what they had to do, apart from having to wait until the Governor made up his mind to meet them, and then to address them and inform them how welcome they were. O ye gods, and what a welcome they were given. No band to accompany them; no one to tell them where to go; no sleigh to convey them to their destination; and then no Briton present to help them carry their luggage. Where were the girls and why did they not put the opposite sex to shame by carrying the luggage? But evidently they give a reception only to foreigners.

We should be exceptionally proud to belong to Newfoundland, for if we go on at this rate, by the time a few more contingents of soldiers (who have fought) arrive here we shall come to consider it merely a monetary event not worth serious consideration. The patriotism that is rampant in Newfoundland is certainly of a very peculiar type and those who are not proud to be Newfoundlanders are certainly peculiar also.

While these men were fighting they were saviours of humanity and everything that was nice, but now, evidently, our thanks to them is cooling off.

SAY HOW

What shall we do with the Kaiser, And the rest of the murdering crew To punish them for their lies, or The things they attempted to do?

Shall we let them escape to some neutral And live out their lives unashamed; Let them boast of their conquests so brutal, And brag of the hosts they've defamed?

Shall we let them retire to their castles Bearing jewels, and raiment and gold They have wrested from unwilling vassals, And pillaged from young and from old?

Shall we search out some isle of the ocean— St. Helena, Elba, or such— And exile this source of commotion That has put all of Europe "in Dutch?"

Shall we call him a misguided duffer, Who had a big dream that went flat; And forget what the world had to suffer To check his imperial "bat?"

Shall the one who sanctioned the slaying Of innocent Edith Cavell, Be given the choice of delaying His just transportation to Hell?

Ask the widows and sisters and mothers, Whose loved ones lie wounded or dead,

If their husbands and sons, and their brothers Would save his demonical head?

Ask the Belgians, with their bodies denuded; Ask the prisoners who starved in their pen;

Ask the Poles whom he tricked and deluded; Ask the whole race of civilised men

If the author of gas shells and Kultur Who claimed the firm name, "Me und Gott?"

That world-hated inhuman vulture, For whom half of Hell is kept hot— Shall live, to view a world toiling To restore lands destroyed by the Hun;

Or send him where pitch is kept boiling For the Devil's most capable son?

Greetings

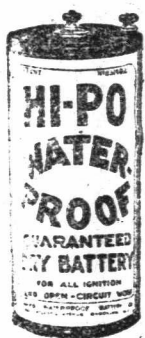
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Annihilated Flower of the Turkish Army

Lieutenant-General Birdwood and Winston Churchill Defend the Gallipoli Campaign as One of Far-Reaching Consequences to the Allies.

LONDON, December 16.—(British Wireless Service)—Lieutenant-General William R. Birdwood, Commander of the British expedition at the Dardanelles, and Winston Spencer Churchill, who, as First Lord of the Admiralty at the outbreak of the war, was officially identified with the Dardanelles operations, were the guests of honor this afternoon of the Australian and New Zealand Luncheon Club. General Birdwood paid a high tribute to the fighting qualities of the Anzacs in Gallipoli, and added:

"It is obvious that we were unable to achieve the military object at which we aimed, but I am confident that when history comes to sum up the operations of this world wide war full justice will be done to what was accomplished by the Mediterranean Expeditionary Forces. It was at Gallipoli that the flower of the Turkish Army was annihilated. Our forces were striking so close to the centre of the Ottoman Empire that it was only natural that the Turks should send their best troops to meet them, and reinforcements were despatched to what was called the slaughter house. That was, indeed, a fitting tribute to those troops who never had too much ammunition to spare, and those who fell did not die in vain."

A Fruitful Event.

Mr. Churchill said: "Although we did not succeed in gaining the astonishing results which would have followed from success the event was one which from almost every point of view was fruitful and played a definite part in the attainment of the final result. The heart and soul was taken out of the Turkish armies by the British-Australian force which landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Never again was the Turk able to present such a battle front. The whole of his

accumulated military strength was ruptured and shattered there, and what we had to deal with afterwards in other theatres was the remnants, broken and discouraged by the main blow which had been struck at them.

In the second place, the fact that Bulgaria was prevented from joining the ranks of our enemies from March, is one of the most significant, the true measure and importance of which it is not even yet possible to judge.

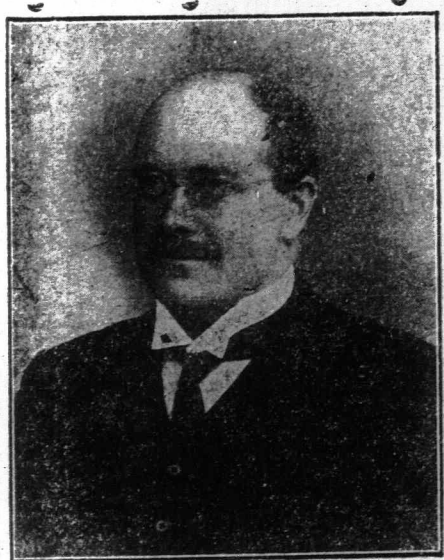
"What the effect would have been on the Russian situation already beginning to crumble; on the Roumanian situation; on the Greek and Serbian situation if Bulgaria had perpetrated her act of madness six months earlier than she did, is almost incalculable. The first British armies in those six months, raised by the genius and prestige of Lord Kitchenner, came in the field as a new factor. But if Bulgaria had changed over before we had that million men available to take their part in the struggle, it might well be that a disaster of irretrievable character would have overtaken our case."

CHILDREN DRUNK IN SCHOOL

The police and the grand jury of Passaic, N.J., are investing charges that two hundred children, ranging from 9 to 14 years of public school No. 2, have appeared for their studies under the influence of liquor and drugs in the last two months. The charge was made by Miss Alma L. Smith, principal of the school, who says that by investigating conditions she found that the children were able to purchase alcoholic liquors in some saloons and a certain brand of cough drops sold by local drug stores that contain 64 per cent. of grain alcohol in addition to ether.

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