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DOING THEIR BIT.

"He squealed like a stuck pig." In these thrilling words Mr. George B. Jones describes the effect upon Mr. W. B. Tennant of a transaction which relieved the latter of \$5,000, and then extracted \$5,000, with \$10,000 more to be extracted from some source—maybe also from Mr. Tennant himself.

There was a note. Prior to the note, of course, there was the danger that the government which was so mindful of the public welfare, in the matter of railroad contracts, timber leases and the like, might be defeated. Hence the note—a note for \$50,000—designed to save the province. Being a true patriot, Mr. Jones signed it once. Being a keen business man he hesitated to sign it twice, because it lacked the magic of certain other names. What other names? Perhaps Mr. Tennant could tell, but he is diffident. At all events Mr. Jones refused to pay and Mr. Tennant had to dig.

But Mr. Jones saw the \$50,000. He had it in his hands. He carried it to Mr. Tennant's office to Mr. Bell's office, and then to Mr. Baxter's office, and put it in the safe. It was a tidy sum to carry about, and as it was dedicated to the noble cause of patriotism Mr. Jones no doubt considered that he was doing his bit. But Mr. Tennant was not such a large bit, after all, when we consider how much the railroad contractors, lumbermen, liquor dealers and others threw into the pot.

But Mr. Tennant and Mr. Jones are not feeding at the same trough any more. Mr. Tennant's squeal appears to have affected Mr. Jones's digestion. It was, he says, the squeal of a "stuck pig," and whatever his relations to the pork bar! Mr. Jones objects to the squeal. No doubt both gentlemen favor union government for New Brunswick, but that is another story.

Meanwhile the province has great reason to be thankful that somebody squealed.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The school board has placed \$2,000 in its estimates to provide for a beginning of medical inspection in the schools. The sum is not large, but if properly expended will demonstrate the need of a larger amount the next year. In the interests of the public health, for the medical inspection of the schools, with a proper nursing service, will do much to prevent the spread of disease and to improve the general health of the community.

Dr. Chipman, in a recent address before the Rotary Club, insisted that medical inspection of schools should be under the direction of the board of health. This is a reasonable and proper view of the case. There should be no division of authority in regard to a matter so important as the public health. It may be hoped this view will prevail, and that a proper system will be established under the proper health authorities, with the hearty co-operation of the Medical Society, which has long been committed to this needed reform.

Because of the ravages of war there is greater need than ever before for the conservation of child-life, and whatever expenditure and organization are necessary should be very heartily approved by the civic authorities and by the citizens at large. The year 1918 should be decided forward steps taken along the line of child-conservation.

THE CALL FOR MEN.

Mr. W. B. Tennant's cables told us that Britain had upon to take more men from its own works and convert them into men to hold the line until the Americans are able to throw their strength into the field. Canada must do her share, and we see more clearly now the value of the military service act. The following from the Ottawa Journal-Press puts the case very clearly from the patriotic Canadian standpoint:

"An idea has been promulgated by some in this country that we cannot afford to give more men. The plea is a wretched one. Here is the showing which has been made by other British countries and France in the war:

France 6 or 7 pop.
Britain 7 or 8 pop.
New Zealand 18 pop.
Australia 18 or 14 pop.
Canada 20 pop.

"And now Britain is calling out still more of her own men for the army. When one reflects that our military service act was framed to ask for only 100,000 men out of a list of 600,000 unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 34, one realizes how little scarcity of able-bodied material for soldiers there is in this country as yet."

How the "snapper-up" of unconsidered talents" would gloat over that vagrant \$20,000, which nobody loved and nobody wanted. Mr. Tennant gave it to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones put it in Mr. Baxter's safe. Mr. Bell took it somewhere else. An unconsidered trifle—where is it now?

THE POWER COMPANY.

It is most unfortunate that a corporation which has a franchise to provide a street car service and light and power for a city the size of St. John should permit itself to be without coal at a time when its services are of the greatest value to the citizens. One would think there should be little difficulty in making such arrangements, with proper storage capacity, as would enable the company to tide over any period of temporary shortage in the general supply. The individual citizen can usually do so if he has the mind, and the money. It would not be regarded as boarding to lay in a reasonable supply. A public utilities corporation is, moreover, under special obligations to the public, whose interests suffer very greatly from failure on the part of the company to meet those obligations. A reduced street car service at the present time is a very great hardship, especially to working men, who rely on it to get them to and from their work. The present situation is an exceptionally good illustration of the importance of the street car and lighting services to the people, and of such control of them as will ensure a satisfactory service at all times.

THE STANDARD IS CONVINCED.

The Standard is convinced that we need a new government in New Brunswick. That conviction is doubtless shared by a number of economists from Woodstock to Apohaqui and the winter port. In the event of the formation of a new cabinet, what would be the Standard's attitude? Would Mr. Fleming be the leader? He still wears the aureole of political sanctity which an admiring legislature discovered encircling his head, and he is not needed at Ottawa. Why not Mr. Fleming? And who would be his colleagues?

The Toronto Star says: A three-days conference has been held in Liverpool on the subject of housing after the war. The government proposes that some 200,000 houses should be built through the instrumentality of the local authorities. Up to 1914 the local authorities of the country had built only 12,000 houses. Today those authorities have schemes ready for 40,000, and are prepared to build 116,000 more if the government's promise of financial help prove adequate.

ONE WHO IS NOT A PARTY MAN SAID.

The Times this morning that the fact he had to find with parties was that proper punishment never followed exposure. It seemed that at the critical point each party spared the guilty of the other party, in order that the line might be done when its turn came. He said that to compel restitution and inflict punishment for wrongdoing would do less to the politics of the province, and do less to the public health. "Was he right?"

The Halifax Chronicle says: "More than ever must Canada observe the 'no waste' rule. There is enough food just as there is enough money in the country if none of either is wasted. Should real want obtain in any part of Canada it will be undeniable evidence of wastefulness somewhere. 'Waste not, want not' is as true as ever."

The Globe remarks that since Mr. Jones and Mr. Baxter are members of the legislature the revelations at the enquiry now being held by Commissioner Quiry should be followed by a more thorough probing of the whole matter.

The coal shortage grows more acute. A municipal council would have served a good purpose this winter.

Potatoes must not go higher. Since there is an enormous surplus, why should they not go lower? That would help to conserve wheat for overseas.

The Standard is highly pleased with the showing made by its directors and friends at the Valley Railway enquiry. Which was to be expected.

TRENCH TALK TRANSLATED.

"Bocher" is an abbreviation of "ce-bocher," a hobnob with a hard, rough and square head. It was applied long ago, because of corresponding mental qualities, to the Germans, as well as to all resembling them. Similarly, the Tommies call the big German guns "Berthas" in honor of the eldest daughter of Herr Krupp, the great German munitions maker.

The "big stuff" means the various kinds of large German shells. The high explosive ones are "crumpies," the big ones that give out a lot of black smoke "Jack Johnsons" or "coal-boxes." The pullers generally call them "big stuff," "marmites" or "stew-pots."

Any misfortunes that the "big stuff" may bring are spoken of lightly in the trenches, being killed, and so requiring the services of "Holy Joe," the chaplain, referred to delicately as being "huffed" or as having "clicked it," or "gone west." Anyway, after it is all over, and if you are lucky, you are buried—"sewed in a blanket," as it is called—and are thereafter glorified to as "pushing up the daisies."—Everybody's Magazine.

USE THE WANT AD. WAY

A SCOTT TO KAISER BILL.

(D. B., in Vancouver World.)
Curse be your ugly Prussian face,
Worst savage of the human race;
Soon may some missile end your pace
Bath axe and sudden,
And soon yer carcass find a place
On some French midden.

For years and years ye've been pre-
parin' for yer murderin' errand;
For yer unholy murderin' errand;
But Kaiser Bill, ye'll get yer fairin'
As sure as death.

And glory waits the father's bairn
That stops yer breath.

Oh, if some Scot'sman's God-speed bullet
Wad in yer back, heart and its billet,
'Tis laud wi' joy that Scot and pellet,
In twa' three verses,
I'd like the tan yer hide and sell it
Just like a horse's.

Incarinate fiend in human guise,
But sure yer name is Kaiser Bill,
When ye saw ye couldn't kaiserize
The land of France,
Britanna's jolt between the eyes
Stopt yer advance.

Twa years and mair afore yestreen
Ye plans were laid and a'foreseen—
Ye mass brass bands on Glesce green
Or Keitvinda
Yer band's first tune was tae hae been,
A'waucht on the Clyde.

This Prussian programme came to nil,
But sure yer name is Kaiser Bill,
The Hielan' pipers surely will
Play in Berlin.

Or ye may hear them, by God's will,
Oh "Holy Willie" ower the Rhine,
Dutch potentate by "right divine";
Like Stuart kings of auld lang syne,
Yer goose is cookit.

Ah, Kaiser Bill, last o' yer line,
Yer doom is hookit.

PUNCH McGEER.

(By Rev. C. McRae, Springhill, N. S.)
The poet sings of the precious stone
Hid deep in the rolling tide,
Or the beautiful flower that blooms alone
On the desolate mountain side;
I whisper the praises of Punch McGeer,
Reckless, riotous, tough.

Soon of the Scribe and Pharisee,
Yet a man heroic it seems to me—
A precious stone in the rough.

The great guns belloved their message
Dread the hollows of No Man's Land,
And the bullets sang, on their mission,
By the foceman's sheltered hand.

When over the Top sprang the valorous
Life
Of an Empire over the sea,
And across the valley with women's life,
They strode unflinching to meet the
strife.

And foremost was Punch McGeer,
Brave men sleep on the hillside red,
And where brave men fought and brave
men died.

Sleeps the virtuous Punch McGeer;
When Chivalry summoned her sons to
the fray.

He honored her tremendous call,
And he held the barbarous Hun at bay,
And he fought for the till he fell, fair,
And he fell as heroes fall.

The little grey cottage stands somber
and lone—
There the wondering orphan nest,
And there are the honors that should
have been borne.

On Punch McGeer's broad chest;
And there a lone mother dissembles her
tears,
And lifts a heroine's face
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Henri had brought up by his father to grind and bolt the old white flour and separate the shorts and bran. He is one of the many boys in France supporting the families whose men are fighting at Verdun.

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strong and I have to grind at night, I ask one of my girl cousins to give me a hand at turning the sails.

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Measles Not Necessary.
One of the old ideas handed down for generations was the thought that if a child has measles, whooping cough and other diseases, and therefore the sooner those diseases come

CHILL STARTS GOLD WAS SICK 4 WEEKS

Just Able to Crawl About

Mr. Weldon T. Hawkes, Curryville, N. B., writes: "Last spring I was taken very ill with a severe cold. I got wet and it started with a chill. I was sick four weeks, and was just able to crawl about. People all said I had inflammation of the lungs, and I think I did. I told a friend to get me two bottles of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and before the first one was taken my cold and cough were broken up, and the second did its work completely. I am raising a family and I find that it is a good medicine for the children."

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(Bangor Commercial)
From present appearances the new departure of the United States Shipping board in chartering the steamers Governor Dingley and Calvin Austin for use as training ships for the instruction of men to be used in various positions in the new merchant marine will be a success from the start. At noon on Wednesday 775 applications for enrollment on the training ship Calvin Austin had been received at the office of Henry Howard, director of recruiting, at the Boston custom house. Of these quite a number were not accepted, but it was believed that the first class of 500 seamen, firemen, oilers, water tenders, cooks and stewards for the Austin would be completed Friday. In twenty-four hours after it was announced that a second steamer, the Governor Dingley, had also been chartered for a training ship, eighty applications for enrollment on her were received at the Boston office, and Boston custom house. The ship's class is expected to be received by Saturday night. The men are to be paid while training and after a short sea going experience will be able to secure good positions on the new boats of the Government Emergency Fleet, of which several hundred are to be launched previous to May 1.

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