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WHAT OF THURSDAY NEXT?

It is difficult for the people of St. John, who get three meals each day and have money to spend for entertainment, and who see life going on from day to day just as it did before the war began, to realize the awful state of the hapless people of Belgium. Imagine more than twice as many people as there are in the three maritime provinces dependent entirely upon charity for their food and clothing, and millions more getting ever closer to absolute destitution, their homes ravaged, their families scattered, their country under the harsh rule of an enemy without mercy and without pity for their woes. And yet Belgium did no wrong. She had given no cause for the violation of her territory and the wholesale pillage, outrage and murder wrought by the German soldiers. That crime will damn the name of Germany through all coming time. But the Belgian people must be fed and clothed. The appeal comes this week to the citizens of St. John. Each one, old and young, is asked on Thursday next to perform some little act of self-denial, and give something to the Belgians. One cent from each person, old and young, in St. John would mean about five hundred dollars, and ten cents from each would mean five thousand dollars. But how far would even the latter sum go toward feeding and clothing nearly or quite three millions of destitute people? It would be about one dollar to divide among six hundred people. Out of their quiet, well-guarded and prosperous lives, how much will the people of St. John give next Thursday for the starving Belgians, whose army helped and is still helping to keep the homes of Canada quiet, well-guarded and prosperous?

SAVING HUMAN LIVES.

Why is the Jordan Sanitarium not filled to its capacity with patients, with so many more seeking admission as to make necessary a steady increase in the number of cottages? It is because the cost per week per patient, even with the government paying two-thirds of it, is so great that many people cannot afford to pay it, and there are no societies or wealthy individuals willing to help those who cannot pay their own way? As a matter of fact, some persons of wealth are paying for the treatment of patients. One St. John lady interested herself in a boy, and is caring for him, and a St. John man of generous nature is paying for the treatment of a young girl. Doubtless there are other such instances, but the fact remains that there is ample room for more patients. Why is it that so large a proportion of those treated are beyond the incipient stage when they arrive at the institution? Out of sixty-three patients treated last year twenty-two were moderately advanced cases. Of these eight showed no improvement after treatment. The disease had gone too far. Why was not each case diagnosed and the treatment begun sooner? How many cases are there in the province today that will very soon be advanced cases if not given sanitarium treatment? Of course the sanitarium authorities are not responsible. They can only treat a case when it comes to them; but Dr. Townsend spends one day in each month in St. John, Fredericton and Moncton, to examine all who desire to be examined for traces of the disease, and the management is always ready to co-operate to the fullest extent with the physicians who bring cases to their attention. Such co-operation on the part of all the physicians would no doubt result in having a much larger proportion of cases treated in the incipient stage when there is a good prospect of complete cure or an arrest of the disease. It would also stimulate local interest in the different localities, lead to the opening of more local dispensaries, and arouse a more general desire to contribute to the support of needy patients.

The two greatest needs are fuller co-operation by physicians all over the province, so that cases may be sent early to the sanitarium, and some provision for needy cases, so that they may not be deprived of a chance to have their health restored. It is really surprising that the example of St. John, which has a strong branch of the Anti-tuberculosis Society, an excellent dispensary, and will soon have a fine hospital for advanced cases, is not followed at least to some extent in many other centres in the province. To be successful the fight against the white plague should be province-wide, and something more must be done to overcome the indifference which familiarity with the disease appears to have caused in the minds of the people at large.

The sanitarium at River Glade can be enlarged to any necessary extent, and without heavy capital expenditure, since it is only necessary to build new cottages as they are needed. The administration building, the heating and lighting plant, the water supply and sewerage system, and the executive staff do not need to be enlarged, and the larger number of patients, as already pointed out, the less will be the per capita cost. In view, therefore of the immense good the sanitarium is capable of doing, the people in every locality should become more and more deeply interested, and more willing to contribute toward the cost of caring for needy patients from their localities. It seems incredible, for example, that any town or village or country settlement would not be willing to raise enough money to give an unfortunate youth or maiden a chance for life. That is what it really amounts to, and if only the people can be led to see in that light they will not only encourage their physicians to make a careful diagnosis in all cases, and call Dr. Townsend in consultation, but they will cheerfully contribute to the cost of caring for those who cannot pay their own way, and who if allowed to go on without treatment become a menace to the health of the community at large.

No patient or his or her friends need hesitate about securing sanitarium treatment. Every provision is made for comfort, and for the most substantial food cooked under the eye of a most capable and experienced house-keeper, who is one of the most valued members of the staff. The nursing staff is always efficient and the physician always at hand.

The work of the sanitarium would be greatly helped if there were local associations throughout the province to tell patients what to do before they go there for treatment, and make them and their friends familiar with proper methods of dealing with the disease at home. The sanitarium is one of three factors in the fight. The first is the dispensary for diagnosis, home treatment, and the spread of information about the disease and how it should be treated. The second factor is the sanitarium, and the third is the hospital for advanced cases. What is most needed in this province at present is education, to arouse local interest everywhere, so that the disease may be grouped with its earliest stages, either for home treatment or treatment in the sanitarium. St. John leads, and every other locality should profit by its example, making the movement province-wide.

It has already been said that of sixty-three cases treated at River Glade last year, twenty-two were moderately advanced. In spite of this, six cases were apparently cured, in thirteen the disease was apparently arrested, and in thirty-six improvement was shown. Only eight showed no improvement. Of those treated twenty-one were married persons. When all the people of the province realize more fully the importance of the fight against tuberculosis the number of cottages at River Glade will grow, the proportion of moderately advanced cases will decrease, and the number of cures will gladden all hearts. That is the thing to remember. The disease can be cured, but it must be treated in time, and in the right way. Who is there who does not desire to aid in the prosecution of this great life-saving work?

It is openly asserted that young men of the poorer classes are enlisting more eagerly than young members of well-to-do families. Is it true? If so, why? More Canadian soldiers have arrived in England and France. More will soon be sent. The recruiting campaign must be kept up. It goes too slowly at present.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said that if Sir Robert Borden will say the word all partisan political activity in Canada will cease until the war is over. That is a direct challenge, but Sir Robert remains silent. Why?

As was anticipated the German reply to the United States is not satisfactory. It is only a question of time when the formal exchange of notes will give place to something more vigorous, and more satisfactory to those who long since passed the stage of polite conversation with the German murderers of women and children.

Neither Commissioner Potts nor the street railway company has anything to gain by a quarrel which puts the public to great inconvenience. If the railway service on Princess street is not promptly restored the people will pay the score later. There is no need of interrupting the service while disputes are being settled. The people who pay have a right to be considered first, and there is no occasion whatever for bluster and heroics. These run no cars.

The terrific struggle between the Russian and Aetro-German armies in Galicia has not yet reached a decisive stage. So long as the Russians are able to keep large armies of the enemy fully engaged the more progress the Italians will make, and the French and British as well. Meanwhile the heavy losses sustained by Germany and Austria are steadily reducing their effective forces. The process of wearing them down goes steadily on, despite their frenzied efforts to destroy one or another of their foes, and at every point they fail to accomplish their purpose. It is only necessary for the Allies to keep up their supply of men and munitions, but this they must not fail to do.

Alcohol is not required in the interests of health and is not an article of diet.—Prof. Hunter Stewart.

LESS DRUGS USED

A prominent druggist recently placed his four sons in other lines of business business, he said, by the time they were his age there'd be no drugs used. While this may not happen, it's true less drugs are used. People are intelligent. The doctor no longer must give patients "something" or lose them to one who will. We look more to the great healer nature and are willing to have the doctor direct what nature would have used. Ask any doctor whether he prefers to treat indigestion or constipation artificially by drugs or naturally by diet, using in the latter Dr. Jackson's Roman Meal and he'll laugh at your stupidity. Roman Meal made into porridge, without stirring, using a double boiler or single boiler in basin boiling water to prevent burning, is the most delicious breakfast known. Don't stir. It won't get lumpy and stirring spoils it. All grocers, 10c and 25c.

ROMAN MEAL

A FOOD THAT PROMPTLY ALLEVIATES RELIEVES CONSTIPATION

LIGHTER VEIN.

Between the lure of the fish hole and the terror of spring cleaning it requires a powerful will to keep a man at home these days.—Birmingham News.

Too bad that China, just as she was about to acquire a veneer of western civilization, must submit to being "Japanized"—Hamilton Herald.

While little Dorothy was visiting, her hostess' dog came running up and stopped before her, panting, says the Boston Transcript. Seeing his tongue out, Dorothy said: "I'm not a doctor, doggie."

A man saw an announcement in an ironmonger's shop the other day as follows: "Iron Sink," and he went in and told the man that he knew that iron sink.

"Yes," said the man; "and time flies, but wine vaults, acid drops, sulphur springs, jam rolls, grass slopes, and music stands; Niagara falls, moon light walks, sheep run, Kent hops, and holiday trips; scandal spreads, standard weights, India's rubber trees, the organ stops, and the world goes round; trade returns."

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TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. J. MacKegan, Rev. James Ross and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, and several lay delegates including S. R. Jack, W. C. Whitaker and W. C. Clawson, are to represent St. John at the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Toronto, beginning Wednesday. The delegates will leave the city on Tuesday evening and will arrive just in time to attend the opening session. The assembly will continue for more than a week, and many matters of importance, some of which have been heard by the war will occupy the attention of the delegates. Other delegates going from this direction are J. W. Wolburn, New Glasgow; Rev. T. A. Mitchell, Sussex; and Rev. T. Harrison, St. George.

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Russia's Prisoners. Official figures give the number of prisoners captured by Russia up to April 1 as 10,788 officers and 605,878 men.

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BURIED ON SUNDAY The funeral of Mrs. G. W. Slocum was held yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted at the home by Rev. Gordon Dickie and Rev. R. J. Houghton. Rev. W. O. Raymond, D.D., officiated at the service at the grave. Interment was made in Fernhill. Many beautiful floral tributes received.