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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.

FINE SOLDIERS.

No one who saw the two splendid bodies of soldiers in review yesterday before Major General Sam Hughes, noted the clean cut soldierly manner in which they went about their appointed duties, marking, at the same time, the abundant evidence of the absolute physical fitness of the men, could doubt for a minute that when the call comes for them to go to the battlefields of France and Flanders they will maintain the best traditions of the men of the First Canadian Contingent who, already, have demonstrated to the world the meaning of Canadian fighting quality.

Major General Hughes has seen all the units mobilized in Canada and it is known he is not given to flattery. Therefore, when he told the men of the 26th and of the Construction Corps that they were as fine as any corps he had seen, the praise was merited.

The verdict of Canada's war minister will be a source of much satisfaction not only to the men themselves but to the scores of relatives and friends they have made. The 26th has come to be regarded as peculiarly New Brunswick's own battalion. It was recruited entirely in this province and in Prince Edward Island and the men have been so long in St. John they almost seem a part of the city's life. The Construction Corps is also a popular body of known quality.

From the statement of the Major General that before the end of June these men would be in the trenches it can be assumed that the date of departure is drawing fairly close. Whenever, and wherever they go they will carry with them the prayers and best wishes of all, and will leave with us pleasant memories of the joyous in the Canadian Winter Port of several hundred of the finest types of young Canadian manhood.

NO COALITION FOR CANADA.

The development of the plan to have a coalition government in Great Britain will be watched with great interest in Canada although no matter how successful it may prove there is no likelihood of this country following in similar lines. Conditions here are different. There is no need for coalition, for the Borden Government has proven its capacity to carry on the business of this war on a plane which has set all criticism at naught. Canada's Kitchen is Major General Sam Hughes and while he has been criticised, he has, nevertheless, accomplished the stupendous task of mobilizing, equipping and training more than one hundred thousand men and nowhere has there been dissatisfaction with his work.

Even if the Government should be in a position where they needed to draw from the opposition it would be difficult to find men of experience to fill the want. During the building of the National Transcontinental, and when evidence of waste and extravagance was brought to him, Sir Wilfrid dismissed it with the defence that he did not claim to be a business man, and his conduct while in opposition has given abundant proof that he is no strategist. Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia in the Laurier government, held office for fifteen years but failed to bring any outstanding degree of efficiency to the Canadian militia. Dr. Pugsley or Mr. Graham are not men of the type of Balfour, Law or Chamberlain while Carvell and Oliver are not to be thought of. As members of the opposition they have appeared as captious and often abusive critics. The thought of rendering any useful or constructive assistance to the administration is beyond them and there would be manifest distrust upon the part of the Government at the appearance of any of these men at the council board of the nation. The Government can handle the situation well and in the best interests of Canada, and there is neither need or thought of any coalition.

ASTROLOGY AND THE WAR.

More than a little attention is being directed to predictions made by Alan Leo, editor of Modern Astrology, who, in January, issued a pamphlet entitled "When The War Will End." While astrologists and seers have failed to come up to expectations in

this war, Leo has apparently fared more fortunately than most of those who have attempted to read in the stars the outcome of the world struggle and the fate of prominent participants in it. He stated, for example, that Germany's greatest efforts would be put forward from March 15th to May 15th, and this, at least, has been partly corroborated by facts.

It was about the latter part of March that the Kaiser's armies made their strongest attempt to break through the Allied lines in the direction of the French coast, and Austrian forces gained temporary success over the Russians in the Carpathians. The effort in the west failed, but it is admitted that by the operations in the east some ground was gained which the Russians are just now recovering. Also, he predicted the German submarine warfare and the fact that the activities of the underwater craft would cause the Kaiser's government to lose the sympathy of a great power. The claim will probably be made that the Lusitania incident and the resultant indignation in the United States serve to verify that prediction.

In the light of past performances it is especially interesting to see what Editor Leo has to say regarding the future. In his opinion, the chief British activity will be toward the end of May and early June, and the success attending it will be so pronounced that "by the close of June the end of the terrible struggle will be in sight." He, however, qualifies this prediction by a saving clause to the effect that fighting will continue until October, when peace terms satisfactory to all could be obtained, and he leans to the opinion that stellar influences during that month will direct the Kaiser in the direction of peace and will thus end the conflict.

There is, of course, much room for doubt as to whether in setting October as the final month of warfare, the editor of Modern Astrology has not built upon the idea that Germany and Austria will by that time be too greatly exhausted to continue fighting and be ready to accept peace on any reasonable terms rather than face the perils and hardships of another winter campaign.

The stars may contribute materially to the making of predictions such as those put forth by Mr. Leo, but an application of common sense and a knowledge of the terrible strain under which the German nation must be laboring will bring conclusions remarkably like those the astrologist has claimed to obtain by star gazing.

If the Kaiser could be induced to listen to the warnings of Mr. Leo, peace in October would be assured, for the last prediction in the pamphlet deals with what will happen if the war is continued throughout the winter, and is summed up in these ominous words: "Should he (the Kaiser), persist in putting his fate to the test in the attempt to win or lose all, then the war will continue until the spring of 1916, when the fall of the House of Hohenzollern would become complete." The opinion of most people is that the end of the war will see the end of the Kaiser, whether it be soon or later.

THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

The Russians, more than a century ago, acquired the habit of turning defeat into victory. Napoleon won great battles all the way to Moscow, but Russia proved the ultimate conqueror. The history of the past is apparently being repeated on the plains of Galicia. Reports that the Germans and Austrians had made great gains, and that the Muscovite troops fled in disorder, leaving behind guns and valuable spoils of war, are now known to have been grossly exaggerated. Instead of flight the Russians retired to positions where they could reform to better advantage and return to the attack. That they have returned, and are prosecuting a vigorous counter attack, with prospect of much success, is indicated by the latest despatches.

Since the outbreak of war the Russians have shown marvelous facility for developing strength along unexpected lines. More than once Berlin and Vienna have reported that operations against the Czar's forces have proven successful, when, as a matter of fact, defeats inflicted were but

temporary and were generally followed by counter-attacks so vigorous as to carry the attackers to new and favorable positions. That this is likely to be the result of the new battles now developing along the eastern front is indicated. Also the necessity of Germany and Austria sending troops to meet the Italians is likely to prove of advantage to the Russians, who will thus be given additional opportunity to perfect their plans. Altogether there is much to support the opinion that the next few days may bring particularly good news from the Russian General Headquarters.

Clean up days will be the next thing in order.

It is refreshing to know now that Italy is no longer on the brink of war. She has fallen over.

Von Buelow has been called Germany's favorite diplomat. But Italian politics have proven too much for even the master hand.

"The boots that stood the test" is what they are now saying of the Canadian army shoes but the slanderous Grit newspapers cannot undo the wrong they have done to a great Canadian industry.

GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. HOLDS ITS CONVENTION

The half-yearly convention of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick, met on invitation of Excelsior Division, No. 466 in the Temperance Hall, St. James street, yesterday evening, G. W. P. E. W. Rowley of St. John, presiding. Among others present were: Rev. W. R. Robinson, G. S. of St. John, Rev. R. H. Staver, G. Chap. Norton, Kings county; S. C. Alward, G. Con. Moncton; Miss L. May Kirby, G. P., Point de Bute; Harold Stothard, G. S., Douglastown; and G. Fred Moore, P. G. W. P., Hopewell. About sixty-five delegates, representing the divisions in Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Westmorland, Albert, Kings, Queens, Charlotte, Carleton, York, Sunbury and St. John city and county, were present.

The grand division degree was conferred on the delegates by E. S. Hennigar, P. W. G. P., and committees were appointed as follows: Credentials, E. S. Hennigar, W. H. MacDonald and Joshua Stark; audit, S. B. Bustin, J. S. Macaulay and G. Fred Moore; committee on state of the order, S. C. Alward, J. Stark and G. Fred Moore; enrolment, Mrs. E. S. Hennigar, Miss V. Geldert and Miss L. Mae Kirby.

Liquor Question.
 The report of the G. W. P. was read and considered. It referred in complimentary terms to the splendid work of Excelsior Division. Attention was directed to the request of the temperance party for provincial prohibition, and, if necessary, amendment of the liquor license laws, and to the present day feeling favoring prohibition in Russia, France, the United States and England. In strong terms it denounced the alleged violation of the liquor laws by wholesale dealers, and advised that enforcement of these laws be taken out of politics.

It was recommended that a provincial liquor law inspector should be appointed who should be empowered to enforce all legislation, and that the government should be asked to make such appointment.

The report of the Grand Scribe first dealt with the statistical features. It referred, in opening, to the work done by the order in New Brunswick from the points of view of education, organization and the securing of restrictive legislation. It showed that today there are sixty-nine subordinate divisions and three district divisions with a total membership of 2,941.

Divisions Organized.
 During the past six months the following divisions have been organized: Iona, at Scotch Ridge, Charlotte county; Chipman, at Chipman, Kings county; Onward, at Canterbury, York county; Woodstock, at Woodstock, Carleton county; Benton, at Benton, Carleton county; Forward, at Berwick, Kings county; as well as the district division in St. John city and county. During the time covered by the report there had been initiated into the order 599 new members; withdrawn from order, 188; leaving a net gain of 411 for the past six months. In Restigouche county there are three divisions; Gloucester, two; Northumberland, fourteen; Kent, five; Westmorland, eight; Albert, one; Kings, twelve; Queens, four; Sunbury, two;



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I went in my slippers Gladness room with my baseball bat today so look out the window to see if any of the fellows was down in the street, and sun of them was, and I started to go out of Gladness room again and I heard her humming up the stairs and I went and called over the banisters, Hay, Gladness, G. you better not go in yure room.

Wy not, sed Gladness, wat tricks this. No trick, you better not go in, thares a bat in thare. I was feet in, I sed. O, goodness, Izent that dredfil, I hate bats, sed Gladness. They get in yure hare and awi, I sed.

O mersey, wats it doing, flying errand, sed Gladness. It was jest standing thare wen I aalm out, I sed. O grayshane, O deer, Im afraided to go in, sed Gladness. If I go in and get it out, will you give me anuthir peoce of that candy Mr. Parkins gave you, I sed.

O, yes, hurry and get it out, sed Gladness. Will you give me 2 peoces, I sed. Yes, yes, will you please hurry, it mite kum flying out heer in a minit, sed Gladness.

Give me the 2 peoces first, I sed. O, youll be the doth of me, sed Gladness, how can I give them to you first wen thare in my room with simthorrid bat. Well tell me wats they are and Ill get them, I sed.

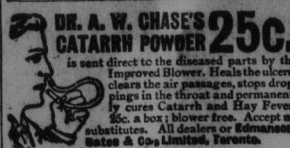
In the 3rd draw of my bewro-und sum things. O hevins, dont you no wat it means to hurry, sed Gladness. And I went back in her room again and fownd the candy and took the 2 biggest peoces out, and then I took my baseball bat fum ware it was leaning agenst the bed and brawt it out in the hall, saying its out.

Wy, it didnt take you lawng, sed Gladness. Thats becase I wasent afraided of it, I sed. And I kepp awn going down stairs oeting wun of the peoces of candy, beeing chookit with goodey stuff inside.

York, two; Carleton, two; Charlotte, ten; St. John city and county, four; and three district divisions, making a total of seventy-two subordinate and district divisions.

The sum of \$338.33 was received for per capita tax; \$62.45 for supplies, and \$308.73 was paid out for expenses, leaving a balance of \$39 on hand, and \$62 of supplies on hand.

Action That Counts.
 Are we prepared to give a quid pro quo and place the blame where it properly belongs, on the Christian vote of New Brunswick? It is action, not denunciation that counts. While we did not secure prohibition we must give the government credit for important amendments to the liquor license laws in shortening the hours of sale, and making it more difficult to ship into prohibition districts, with increased authority to officers in matters of search. I think we should pledge ourselves, as individuals, to vote for men or governments, who will support our principles. The Grand Scribe, as a special committee, reported on the matter of George N. Clarke, liquor license inspector of Kent county. He said that he had taken it up with the Premier, the Attorney General, and the Provincial Secretary, and had received an assurance that the matter would be settled in the interests of all concerned. The report of the Grand Patron showed that there are eleven Bands



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