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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.

## TEUTONIC INTRIGUE AND BOLSHIEV TREACHERY.

That the leaders of the Bolshievs in Russia were actually agents in the pay of Berlin and that the Kaiser's government was behind the whole revolutionary movement that deposed the Czar and then overthrew Kerensky's administration has long been suspected but the grim facts disclosed by American secret agents and now given publicly for the first time will convey to the world a new idea of the depths to which the war-lusted Prussian can descend.

The story published in brief in another column of The Standard this morning is a damning record of treachery unparalleled in modern history. Trotsky and Lenin were Hun tools, nothing more. For German gold they plunged unhappy Russia into an era of murder and excess for which there is no recorded precedent. The German government told them as much or as little of its plans as it deemed wise, but the fact that the United States government is in possession of correspondence between the authorities in Berlin and the Bolshievs leaders in which the latter are addressed as "comrade," is sufficient indication that the Russian traitors were well in the confidence of their country's enemy.

The disclosures make public additional reasons why Britain, the United States, France, Italy and Japan should leave nothing undone to clean up the situation in Russia and rid that unhappy country of those who have betrayed her into German hands. Had Russia continued as an active ally of the Entente and had she maintained the pace she set in the palmy days of the Grand Duke's "steam roller" armies the war would have been over long ago with the Allies completely victorious. That the Russian pace was not maintained was due entirely to internal dissatisfaction which is now established was promoted and fostered by German agents. The result was a revolution which dethroned the Czar, placed Kerensky in the position of premier and then, with the last vestiges of autocratic rule swept away, deliberately and successfully set itself to destroy the government which gave the Muscovites their first taste of real freedom.

With Germany's tools or hired agents in control of Russian affairs the war effort of that great nation was speedily paralyzed and the Hun left to work his will for practically the entire length of the eastern front. There are signs that the situation will speedily change. The Allied troops are already in Russia and the Japanese units have already come into contact with Bolshievs forces. The campaign there will not continue long but it should not end until Russia has been swept clean of all traitors, order has been brought out of chaos and there will be no future danger of the Teutonic powers obtaining a foothold there. That is the task ahead of the Entente Allies and it will be performed with the efficiency and thoroughness that the Germans on the western front have already learned to dread.

## ANOTHER FISHING EXPEDITION.

In its wisdom the Foster government has decided that there should be an investigation into the sale of potatoes conducted by the firm of A. C. Smith and Company, acting as agents for the Government which held office in New Brunswick back in 1915, and to this end has appointed James McQueen, a lawyer of Shediac, as a commissioner to conduct such investigation under oath. The first session will be held in this city on September 24th.

Judging from the resume of the allegations in the case and the order in council appointing Mr. McQueen, as published in the Telegraph on Saturday morning, there is no attempt to contend that the province lost money by the potato sale, or that there was any misappropriation of funds. In fact the reverse would seem to be the case for the source of complaint as outlined in the Telegraph's article is that the province received \$32,861.39 as a return for potatoes sold to have been sold by the agents of the then Government to certain firms in Cuba when, according to a letter from J. C. Manzer, New Brunswick agent in Havana, no such sales were made.

When this transaction was discussed in the form of insinuations by the press supporting the present government the suggestion was made that the potatoes were unaccounted for and that the province lost money. One striking feature of the present charges is that the potatoes were accounted for to the provincial authorities and that the province lost nothing. Therefore if the Telegraph and Times' account of the charges is correct today, the ground

they took before the Foster government went into power was certainly wrong. But this is a matter of little moment as our esteemed contemporaries are so frequently wrong that their tendencies to misrepresent are so well known that they have long since ceased to occasion surprise.

Now, however, the transaction is to be probed by Mr. Commissioner McQueen and, naturally, people will ask who he is. A resident of Shediac, he is known to have been admitted to the bar of New Brunswick, but even his friends will hardly contend that he can be classified as a prominent member of that profession. He once held office as sheriff of Westmorland County and it is understood, felt considerable resentment when he was displaced by the late Government.

When the Currie charges were to be investigated the government appointed as commissioner James Friel, K. C., of Moncton, a man of undoubted high standing in the legal profession and whose conduct throughout the Currie hearing was unexceptionable. It will naturally strike the public mind that in a matter of the importance alleged to be attached to the potato transaction, a man who occupied a position in the province similar to that of James Friel, K. C., or J. M. Stevens, K. C., might be appointed. Mr. McQueen, however, may justify his appointment in one of two ways. He may give evidence of complete non-partisanship and a capacity to deal with the subject in a judicial manner, or he may show himself in the light of a man who has been appointed to produce a result entirely satisfactory to the government, irrespective of the methods employed or the evidence adduced. There are commissioners and commissioners and the public will await with interest to see along which line Mr. McQueen develops.

Whatever happens it is interesting to note that the people of the province will probably be called upon to pay for the bait to be used in a fishing expedition in which the government of the day hopes to catch something which will appeal to the voters in the general provincial election which, it is currently reported, may be staged before Premier Foster again faces the Legislature.

## GASOLINELESS SUNDAY.

As far as could be learned at midnight gasolineless Sunday was a success. Only in isolated cases were pleasure cars abroad yesterday while the river was strangely without the chug-chug of the motorboat. It is estimated that the general abstention from the use of power propelled vehicles and boats yesterday would effect a saving of gasoline to the value of \$150,000 and it appears that the request to effect this saving was very generally complied with.

It is gratifying to be able to note that the plan for saving was successful and it is not too much to expect that it will be repeated in the near future. The consumption of gasoline for war purposes will be very largely increased during the next few months, aeroplanes, military motor trucks, tanks, lorries, motor-cycles and the other militarily employed vehicles depending upon petrol will be more active than ever and it is necessary that there should be no shortage in their required "fodder." If the people of Canada, by refraining from joy-riding on one day a week can help to ensure a continuance of the needed supply they will be assisting most materially to win the war and this is an object worthy of a far greater sacrifice than giving up a Sunday outing.

Citizens of St. John will be sorry to say good bye to Lieut.-Col. A. A. H. Powell, who has been appointed to an important command in connection with the Canadian expedition to Siberia, but at the same time they will rejoice with him that he is to have the opportunity to serve his country in such a distinguished capacity. The appointment comes as recognition of Col. Powell's ability. While attached to the New Brunswick headquarters he discharged his duties to the satisfaction of his superior officers and with high credit to himself. A gentleman and a soldier who already has a fine service record he is to be congratulated upon the new opportunity that has come to him.

Germany offers peace to Belgium, Austria is willing to open negotiations. Meanwhile the Allies are carrying to the Huns the only argument those genies can understand—the argument of superior force relentlessly applied. Peace talk now is as premature as ever. Germany's bill must be paid in another way, and at a price that will be fixed by dictation, not by negotiation.

## A BIT OF VERSE

THE PRIVATE.  
 Private George E. Parker, in Stars and Stripes.

He kicks about his meagre pay, he kicks about the grub;  
 He swears by all that's holy that his corporal is a dub;  
 To him each regulation is a source of much distress—  
 But he's never sick on pay day, and he's never late for mess.

He crabs about his drill; he tries to skip retreat;  
 He howls about the effort that it costs him to look neat;  
 When work in any form looms up, he tries hard to renege—  
 But he's strong for playing poker, and he's great on bunk fatigue.

He crabs about each feature of his military life;  
 His idea of delight is to engage in verbal strife;  
 He prides himself on knowing every pessimistic trick—  
 And the height of his ambition is to register a kick.

But he really doesn't mean it, for it's just a clever ruse;  
 And we know that chronic kickers have no time to get the blues,  
 And if kickers make good fighters, then we're ready to begin  
 To kick Fritz out of Flanders, all the way back to Berlin!

## A BIT OF FUN

Haying With Farmerettes.  
 "Pardon me, madam, I am aware that we have not been introduced, but I hope that you will not object to my mentioning the fact that this is the second time you have stuck your fork into my leg."—Pearson's Magazine.

An Expensive State.  
 She—Do you think we will ever save up enough money to get married?  
 He—Not unless we break off the engagement.

The Brute.  
 "Why do people marry in June?" sentimentally mused Mrs. Scraggton.  
 "Why do they marry at all?" snarled her pessimistic husband.

Wanted Company.  
 Here's a yarn that Dr. John M. Sims, British army chaplain, told:—  
 "A father said to his little son, who was naughty, 'Look here, Freddie, if you don't say your prayers you won't go to heaven.' 'I don't want to go to heaven,' sobbed the small boy, 'I want to go with you and mother.'"

Special Qualification Suggested.  
 Boston Traveller.  
 Director Raymond White, who besides producing motion pictures, is one of the directors of the Hollywood Officers' Training Camp, tells of an encounter between Instructor Captain Eastman and a recruit: "You've fallen out of line not less than five times. You should not be in this regiment at all," cried Eastman.  
 "Where should I be?" demanded the recruit.  
 "In the flying corps," replied Eastman, "and you'd only fall out once!"

Table Furniture.  
 Philadelphia Press.  
 Sometimes a really good laugh strays overseas from the grim field hospitals. This one comes from Nol, founded by Mrs. Vanderbilt, near Paris. "Nurse," said the soldier when he recovered consciousness, "what is this on my head?" "Vinegar cloths," she replied. "You have had a fever."

"And what's this on my chest?" "A mustard plaster; you've had pneumonia, too." "And what are those things at my feet?" "Salt bags, you were badly frost-bitten." "Salt bags?" he asked. "At this point up spoke a convalescing Tommy on the next cot. 'Hang a pepper-box on his nose, and he'll have a cruet.'"

ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND.  
 Mrs. J. M. Driscoll arrived from England last week to join her husband who is now residing in the city. Mr. Driscoll went overseas on account of a first contingent and while in England he met his future wife. They were later married there. Pie Driscoll was invalided home to Canada on account of wounds received while on active service in France and, after undergoing treatment in Montreal, he settled in St. John. Mr. Driscoll is a Moncton lad and is residing on Elliott Row.

PARISH NOTES.  
 Yesterday the Sunday School of the Cathedral Parish opened, and nearly all the former teachers were on hand. The first day's attendance was a large one, the little ones turning out in large numbers. A mission lasting the ensuing week is being held at St. Peter's church. Many of the other parishes are attending, and last evening the opening night, saw a huge attendance.

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## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

The Park Ave. News.

Weather. People perspiring in the shade.  
 Enter! Leroy Shooter Not Afraid of a Lion! Leroy Shooter went to the zoo last Sunday and waved his arms and made fierce faces in front of a big lion cage, the result being that the lion didn't even look at him.

Sisley. Mr. Charles (Pude) Simkins had company for supper last Thursday, being a aunt and 2 cousins, and he had to eat in the kitchen on account of the dining room table being full, but he says he got everything anybody else did.

Military News. Company B had target practice last Saturday afternoon, having it out of Lieutenant Ed Wernicks 2nd story front windows with pee shooters all some fat man acting as one of the targets found out were the pee was coming from and rang the door bell, and Company B snuck down the back stairs while Mrs. Wernick was going up the front stairs to find out about it.

Intriguing Facts About Intriguing People. Sid Hunt is so obstinate that if he is starting to get up in the morning and somebody calls him he lays down again.

Benny Potts Gets Swore At. Benny Potts was swore at last Toozday by a man for asking him to please tell him what time it was while the man was carrying 3 bundles in one arm and a live baby in the other arm.

## GASLESS SUNDAY WAS OBSERVED

Very Few Automobiles and Motor Boats Used Yesterday—Large Amount of Gasoline Saved.

St. John's patriotic citizens yesterday observed the request to "refrain from using gasoline on Sunday for pleasure purposes, and yesterday marked a good beginning. Very few automobiles were in use, and those utilized were generally for business or other good reasons. The owners of the different garages reported that very few cars were taken out during the day and those selling gasoline in outside centres near the city experienced poor sales.

Very few motorboats were on the river and the Sabbath was a Puritan one in a respect as Sunday, usually a quiet day in the city, was much quieter yesterday. Citizens missed the honk of the "Lizes," or give away whistles of the Lincolns and large cars. The sound of the street cars alone marked the only activity in the transport lines yesterday. Those who on former Sundays went to the country, remained at home yesterday or went out on Saturday's trains. The burr of the auto died yesterday but today marks the day of resurrection when the wild honk and general buzz will prevail again.

Yesterday's quietude, however, will have no good effect when one considers the saving made in gasoline—a nearer approach to victory. Some few owners, as usual, used their cars yesterday but they will fall in line with the "gasless" crowds on future Sundays.

At Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 16—Sunday saving of gasoline by Halifax citizens was a conspicuous success yesterday. Hardly an automobile was seen on the streets, and the exceptions were bearers of physicians and men bent on necessary business. Of pleasure seekers there were none. It was established at beyond doubt that the amount of gasoline consumed on Sunday was reduced to at least five per cent of what was used on Sundays previous to the fuel controller's conservation request. Many citizens, however, declared that men who had to work six days in the week should feel themselves exempt and that a better method would be to institute gasoline "rationing," so that there would be much gasoline for every day in the week.

## TWO SERIOUS CASES.

Miss E. McAvity, who lies in the General Hospital, as the result of a bad street car accident, was reported last evening to be in a very critical condition. George Kimball, who met with a bad accident about a week ago, was reported last night as being in a serious condition.

## FILLING VACANCIES.

Chief Simpson stated last evening he had a few men already in the vacancies of the former patrolmen. Regarding the number, he would know later, when they were lined up for duty today. He expected some other new men today and tomorrow; and anticipated little difficulty in filling all vacancies.

## HORSES TRADED.

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An official inquiry into the four masted schooner destroyed by a German August 2nd, was held at court house by Captain of Ottawa, Canadian War aloner, assisted by Capt. caly, and Captain Chai the conclusion of the ev C. E. Dagwell, of the his certificate cancelled tion of the war. The court was as follows:

Attack by Gunfire and Burning of Schooner

The Court having care the evidence obtained fr two witnesses available and mate.

Finds that on the mas defence some contradic met to his knowledge of the documents contain ing orders, saying at t he was not aware that tions were to destroy o tions upon the appare my ship, or when captu nt, and his subsequent having read such instr -igned line form upon wh the certificate cancelled tion of the war. The court was as follows:

He had placed these in a box which held other but retained in his pocket for which, after clear Custom House at St. John further use, till he again British port.

His plea is that his forgotten in his pocket, w ed away in a box the of great importance, which sumes he was obliged to quently. However, on h mission, he did not remen these instructions, war showing that he made lig ties and of his responsi duties to his country or l of his responsibility to h handing over those ord enemy, although he claim was cool and collected. A five minutes elapsed from obeyed the U-boat's signa his papers, and rowing aw shi's side.

In military and naval ing war time, such negle upon the individual the o loyalty, with the possib viving capital punishment life, since war began, m have received a long term ment with heavy fines for made on the spur of the which did not carry with importance of this unlearn to follow and execute suc ory orders as Captain Dagw ceived.

He had been torpedoed had heard that submarines quenting and had created the coast, and yet in the former experience and his of existing conditions, that lurking in the Western where many victims had al sacrificed, he did not even al orders to his officers or vigilant in keeping extraord out.

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