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THE WAR SITUATION

The Berlin Tagblatt directs attention to the Belgian, French, Russian, Roumanian, Serbian, Montenegrin and Albanian territory still held by the Central Powers, and intimates that if the Entente Allies are wise they will consider Germany's peace terms, for the military strength of the Central Powers has increased.

We may dispute the latter claim, but the first statement of the Berlin paper is unfortunately true. The Central Powers hold all that territory, and in Russia they are getting more instead of less. When will they be driven out of any of this territory, on the western, eastern or southern front? We may talk as we choose about Germany's lost colonies, the bottling up of her fleet, the hardships her people are suffering and all that; but when are we going to smash the western or the eastern or southern front, and release the territory now held?

We may as well face the facts and resign ourselves to a long struggle. Even the submarine situation has come to a point where government insurance rates on vessels and cargoes from American ports have been increased from 5 to 6 per cent. In American official circles it is estimated that Germany has 200 submarines in active service, and is building three or four for every one that is destroyed.

A minor success on the British, French, Roumanian or Italian front, or the announcement that the Russians are now trying to make a stand on their own soil, is of little account compared with the other facts of the situation. The amazing strength of Germany has falsified all estimates and predictions concerning the duration of the war.

We have also to bear in mind that another year will elapse before the United States will begin to put forth her full strength in the field, as the intervening time will be required to train and equip and transport troops, perfect arrangements for supplying them and keeping the armies up to strength.

If there are any persons in Canada who hug the delusion that the war may soon end, and that little or nothing more will be required of this country, they ought to be enlightened by a study of the map, a recollection of the utter failure of the predictions we have all been disposed to make in the past, and a consideration of the present situation on all fronts and in the submarine area. We are as confident as ever of final victory, but the road is long. The Central Powers will not easily yield to such terms as are indicated in the speech of Mr. Balfour yesterday. And yet, he is perfectly right when he asserts that if the war ended with a German peace that would only be a prelude to a new European war. Like Mr. Balfour, therefore, we must needs "see it through."

MAKING THEM WORK

The state of Maryland has adopted a Compulsory Work Law. In other words, it does not propose to let one portion of the community do its work and another its loafing. That ought to be very good law. Its provisions are thus summarized by an exchange:

"The state of Maryland has determined to have no idlers within its borders. All able bodied males between the ages of 18 and 50, inclusive, will have to engage in useful and productive occupations. To secure this and the other features of the legislation, one of its provisions being the registering of all idle labor, Governor Harrington has just issued a proclamation setting Aug. 20 as the date for registration, this to affect all men 'not then regularly or continuously employed or engaged in any lawful or useful business occupation, trade or profession of any kind.' The Compulsory Work Law provides that after the registration the idlers shall be put to work in occupations carried on by private persons, firms or corporations, whether such occupations be agricultural, industrial or otherwise. Certain exemptions are granted from the law, such as students and those temporarily out of work, but persons with independent incomes must register. Those who do not wish to register will be subject to a fine of \$50 and compulsory registration. If the registrant refuses to do the work assigned there is a nice little fine up to \$500 waiting to be assessed, or imprisonment up to six months, with assignment to the hated work afterward. It surely does look as though the way of the idler is going to be hard in Maryland for some time. This law should go a long way toward solving the labor shortage; or at least, if properly administered, should greatly help those industries that are of vital importance to the conduct of the war and greatly need additional employees. No longer will the community have to pay for the upkeep of idlers; the idlers shall work for their keep and provide something more in the shape of fruit of their labors for the United States."

Since the present war broke out those who were interested in recruiting had their attention frequently directed to men of military age who would not enlist and who were not at work. In the words from time to time men are charged with non-support, and others would be so charged if their wives were not content to go out to work themselves and shield the lazy hulks who are their husbands. The Maryland law would be very useful in New Brunswick. As Col. Roosevelt says, every man should be made to pull his weight in the boat.

CONCERNING PLAYGROUNDS

On the subject of playgrounds a Montreal paper recently said:

"The contention of organizations in the city interested in child welfare that more attention should be given by civic authorities to the question of providing additional playgrounds, is fully justified. Compared with other cities, Montreal has a lamentably small number of these desirable breathing places, although conditions today are better than they were a few years ago. In the densely populated quarters, there are, however, few plots set aside for the use of children. Mr. Justice Choquette, who presides over the juvenile court, recently spoke as follows of the custom of children playing in the streets: 'Since I have been judge of this court, I have been struck with the number of children who have been brought before me charged with playing in the roads. Children would get into far less mischief if proper recreation places were provided for them.' No large city has more playgrounds than Chicago, and they have all been acquired of recent years. The taxpayers in nearly all of the wards demanded them. Where slums were torn down for the installation of playgrounds, living conditions improved, and there was a decided advance in property values. One of the most pleasing features of the establishment of playgrounds in Chicago was the marked reduction in the infant death rate, while the moral uplift has been a subject of frequent comment."

THE FARMING INDUSTRY.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture, will deserve great credit if his department can stimulate cattle and sheep raising in this province. Too little of the product of the farm is fed on the farm, and with the prices that will prevail for years to come the raising of live stock should be an attractive proposition to any man having a farm in a fair state of cultivation. There is also room for development of the dairy industry, and Deputy Minister Reek should meet with hearty co-operation in his efforts to extend the scope of scientific methods of dairying and improvement of dairy stock.

Mr. Tweeddale intimates that his department is doing and will do what it can to prevent wastage of surplus in this year's production of crops, especially of potatoes. That is certainly essential for the campaign of increased production would otherwise fall in its purpose. We want reasonably cheap potatoes for the local consumer, but a market also for the farmer's surplus, on such terms as will give him a reasonable return for his toil.

The general outlook for the farmers is excellent. The hay crop is large, and crops promise well. After this season's harvest has been gathered, preparations should be made for another season of increased production in 1918, for the need may be greater than now.

An exchange observes:—"The chairman of the latest commission appointed by the Borden government, namely, the one authorized to investigate the O'Connor report, is said to have had considerable experience as a drainage referee. In that case he ought to know how to dig, and there appears to be much need for that operation."

Prohibition is being mocked by a few individuals who in some way get liquor. That is to be expected, but the police magistrate is to be commended for making the penalty as severe as the law permits. The man who has nothing better to do than to get drunk in these serious times deserves the limit for every offence.

The Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill has been re-elected with an almost four to one majority. He has another opportunity to make good. The British press is doubtful of the experiment, but perhaps the doubt will be removed. Col. Churchill may have learned discipline while at the front.

It is a shame if strawberries or any other edible berries are going to waste this year. The canning and preserving campaign should result in having more fruit put away by individual families for next winter's use than ever before in the history of the province.

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What Should He Have Said?

"I don't seem to be able to say the right thing to women," a bashful young man confided to us the other day, "and that's why I don't shine in society. I'll tell you an instance of it. Not long ago I met a woman I hadn't seen for years, and I could see that she was trying to keep young. So I thought I'd say a graceful thing to her."

"You carry your age remarkably well," said I.

"Well the moment I said it I could see that I was in the wrong. She was looking chilly and getting red, so I said:

"Don't mind my little jokes—I never mean what I say. As a matter of fact you don't carry your age a bit well."

"And then she killed me with a haughty look and sailed away without saying good-by. Seems to me I should have said it rather differently, don't you think?"—Seattle Times.

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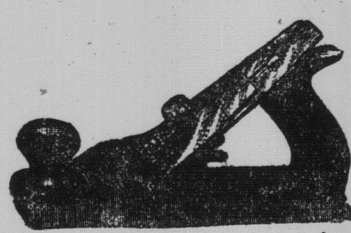
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Sir Edward Knapp said that there was a good deal to be said for the position taken by Dr. Pugsley. He admitted there were surplus officers in Canada, and this state of affairs would be investigated and many of these officers would revert to private life.

Dr. Pugsley, in asking the question, said that this had had a great effect on voluntary recruiting.

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