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THE FIGHT STILL ON.

Emissaries of the New Brunswick Railway Company are constantly on the job at Fredericton, seeking to influence members of the legislature and get the proposed increase of rates. It would pay the company handsomely to maintain a strong lobby at Fredericton if its advocates could persuade a majority of the members of the house that the increase should be granted. The support of the Fredericton Gleaser has been gained, and the St. John Standard is straddling the fence. Citizens of St. John went to the capital and stated their case, and it is unanswerable, but the power company's advocates are putting up the plan of impending bankruptcy and skillfully dodging every reference to watered stock. At the last hearing before the corporations committee Mr. Taylor had no answers to give to questions along that line, but kept talking away about other things to divert the attention of the members from the real cause of the demand for higher rates.

It cannot be believed that the members of the house will permit themselves to play into the hands of men whose sole purpose has been to enrich themselves by the deal which transferred the property from the St. John Railway Power Company. It would be a reflection not only upon the intelligence but upon the good faith of the people's representatives if the interests of the people of St. John were sacrificed for the benefit of a few profiteers.

The artful suggestion is put forth that even if a commission is appointed an increase in rates should meantime be granted, with provision for a rebate if the report went against the company. How could patrons of the street railway who had paid seven cents instead of five cents get back their money?

The people are being held up to provide dividends on watered stock. That is the whole story. If this is approved and endorsed by the people's representatives in the legislature the same game will be played wherever there is a public utility to be exploited. St. John is the first trench. The public interests which are endangered should be defended here and now. Any citizen who feels there is anything he can say to make the facts clearer to members of the house should go to Fredericton and say it. The power company is camping there, and is putting forth every effort that thorough organization renders possible. That is how the unorganized public so often fails to make good its case.

THE WAR SITUATION.

An Associated Press cable of yesterday's date, setting forth what the correspondent believes to be the prevalent views of the Allied commanders regarding the great German offensive, says: "As far as it has gone, the German offensive may be looked on as a failure, since none of its objectives have been attained and the Allied armies are still intact, while the Germans now, owing to the diminution of their forces through casualties, are in an inferior position to that which they occupied before the battle began. The only result they can show is the recapture of a large tract of country which they themselves devastated, where they may be compelled to dig themselves in."

We must assume that there is some ground for the optimistic tone which prevails in the face of a continued withdrawal of British troops under heavy pressure to new positions. It is certainly good news that French reinforcements have arrived. The British have been outnumbered but have fought superbly, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Each withdrawal has been made methodically to previously prepared positions, and the abandonment of the Ypres salient has shortened the line, which is of course desirable when the defenders are numerically inferior to the enemy. Another correspondent says: "Had anyone said months ago that there would soon be rejoicing to see the British withdraw and abandon the Passchendaele Ridge system, which was won with such difficulty last summer, it would have excited derision. But the whole British army is glad at this bold move. It not only lessens the danger from the enemy drive about Wytchate and Bailleul, but it greatly shortens the defensive line. It seems hard in a way to give up ridges over which the British battled forward in such a fashion last summer, but it is decidedly for the best and will help defeat Prussianism. The retirement was a result of mature judgment and was a snap-shot affair, for it was known it was pending. The new lines had been prepared and artillery had been placed in position before the

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Now, once more, the hoe and rake, Sure, success comes in their wake! Keep some yards of hose at hand, Water's always in demand.

Just a bit of work, you see, Good fresh air, for you and me; Everybody's doing it, "Come on, fellows, do your bit!" NARCISSEUS.

LIGHTER VEIN

When Clubs Are Trump. Feeling seedy, he went to the doctor, And here's the advice he got—"Indian clams are good for the liver, Bohemian clubs are not!"—Cartoons Magazine.

A Split Affinity.

"I've broken his heart in a dreadful way," "Did the girl that he hadn't won." "Yes, in half a second, 'til I saw him today." "With two girls at dinner—not one!"—Cartoons Magazine.

Son Will Have to Get a Hump on Now.

Mother (reading aloud from letter from son Bill, in France): "I have been transferred to the camouflage department." "What is camouflage?" "Father—"That is—why, or that is a kind of feller who flags the—er—camel trains."—Cartoons Magazine.

URGES UNIONIZATION OF FEMALE LABOR

Women Workers at a Disadvantage, Says Professor MacIver—Not on Same Plane as Men

The curious development of women suffrage was touched upon by Prof. R. M. MacIver, speaking at Willard Hall in Toronto last week under the auspices of the Political Education League, during the course of an address in which he covered the momentous changes through which the world is passing and the dangers and opportunities connected with those changes.

Prof. MacIver, in comparing the work of men and women, showed three great disadvantages on the women's side: the average age of women in industries is much younger than men's; women enter industries which, as a rule, do not require skilled labor; and, lastly, the majority of women work for very low wages.

The speaker stated that all these conditions will create a serious situation in the future. Women have replaced men on a wide scale, and when the time comes for restoration, what will become of the women? Because women work for less wages it will be difficult to replace them. One remedy may be equal pay for equal work and one standard for men and women, but Prof. MacIver gave as his opinion the best solution of the problem would be the unionization of women in industry.

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Big New Camp For Airmen

Beansville, Ont., to be Home Of Hundreds in Training

For Aerial Gunnery—May Have Real Sub for Target—Boom Conditions in Old Town

(Special Correspondence of The Toronto Globe.) Beansville, April 12.—Ayers are daily arriving from Texas at the Beansville aerial gunnery camp, which is being rapidly completed under the hands of an army of workers. The Beansville camp, when completed, it is said, will be the largest aerial gunnery camp in the world. It parallels the International highway, the Queenston and Grimby stone road, runs along it for over two miles and has a depth of about three-quarters of a mile along the next concession road. The block of land has all been cleared of fruit trees, bushes and fences. But all the farm buildings have been left standing and will be utilized.

All the side roads are being torn up and new solidly-built stone roads are being laid. New stone roads of good width are also being laid all through the camp. At present there are on the grounds at different points nine hangars for the housing of airplanes. Each of these hangars accommodates six machines, making a total housing space for fifty-four machines.

Many New Buildings. Machine shops have been built and are being equipped with all the latest and most modern machinery. Big garages with room enough for fifteen and more automobiles are up and in use. Office buildings have been built and some are still under construction. Buildings for the holding of lectures and other uses are built and still more are to be built. Cook houses and dining rooms for the mechanics that are already on the ground. Up on the hill on the south side of the Q. & G. road will be found the hospital and it is a most modern one in every way.

All the buildings are of frame construction and covered with heavy tar paper, all the joints and cracks being cemented. The number of carloads of lumber, timber, shingles and paper used run into the hundreds, while the window frames and lights run into the thousands.

May Have a Real "Sub." Down at the lake a second big piece of land has been secured, and rifle ranges and targets are being built here. A large breakwater will be built out into the lake for about three-quarters of a mile, and will extend east and west for a distance of about three thousand yards. This will be used for bombing-dropping and aerial target work from the "planes." It is also rumored that a real submarine will be playing around in the lake for the cadets to shoot at.

The whole camp has been wired for electric lights and telephones. A special electric station was built on the grounds to step the electric power down from the D. P. & E. 40,000 volt lines which runs along the G. T. R. This power is also used for running machinery and charging batteries, as well as for lighting. Water mains have been laid from the village and placed all over the camp. Special springs were secured by the Beansville Council from land owners along the mountain to feed the reservoir in order to supply the camp with water.

A switch has been run in from the G. T. R., and runs all through the camp for the bringing in of supplies and equipment. Automobiles of every kind, size and description are now at the camp, and are used for all different kinds of work.

It is estimated that there will be at least a thousand men at the camp by the end of this month, and close on to four thousand by the end of May.

The erection of the camp in Beansville has given the village a great boost in every way. Houses to rent are at a premium, and during the past winter every householder who could accommodate men at all were jammed full.

COMMANDER WYATT ACQUITTED

Halifax, April 18.—Commander Frederick Wyatt, R. N., who was chief examining officer at the port of Halifax at the time of the Mont Blanc-Imo collision, and was arrested on a charge of manslaughter, was late yesterday afternoon acquitted in the supreme criminal court.

Judge Russell charged the jury strongly in favor of the defendant.

J. Stonewall Jackson, a descendant of the famous Confederate leader, joined the U. S. marines on his 18th birthday.

IN THE SPRING

will be the great test of a life and death struggle on the Western front. In the everyday walks of life, it is the spring time that brings ill health. One of the chief reasons why the run-down man finds himself in a bad state of health in March or April, is because he has spent nearly all his hours for the past four or five months penned up within the walls of his house, factory or office. It is the reason for our diminished resistance—that is, lack of outdoor life, coupled with perhaps over-eating, lack of good exercise, insufficient sleep, and constipation. In other words, we keep feeding the furnace with fuel but do not take out the "clinkers," and our fire does not burn brightly. Always keep the liver active.

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