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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.

THE WAR NEWS.

Apparently the Germans will be unable to make any prolonged stand on the old Hindenburg line which was expected to be the point where they would offer their first stubborn resistance. That line was pierced yesterday in at least one place and the weaker portion was, in the phraseology of the official reports, "captured and mopped up." All along the line the British and French are advancing, capturing positions as they progress, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and taking a heavy toll of prisoners. One British force has captured Baupenne, while another is at the outskirts of Peronne, some twenty miles south, and the fall of that town is hourly expected. The French have lastly occupied Roye, of which practically nothing remains but a heap of debris, but they also control the network of roads leading out of that town, which fact gives to their achievement its real importance.

Everywhere the Germans are outnumbered and outgeneraled. Evidence of that is found in the exploit of the Canadians and the Scottish troops yesterday morning who succeeded in taking important positions and decimating enemy forces by a particularly vigorous surprise attack.

Once more Russia threatens to be a centre of important news. It is stated that General Plehkhoff, acting for the anti-Bolshevik leader, has gained control of the majority of the Russian troops in Siberia and that the force has joined the Allies, adding materially to their number and giving them a strong advantage over any enemies they are likely to encounter in that region. In her present plight in the west, when she requires every available man to throw into the fight against the Allies it is difficult to see how Germany can find the men necessary to hold on to Russia as to be maintained. If the present news from Vladivostok is accurate we may look for speedy favorable developments from that area.

BRITAIN'S CIVILIAN FRONT.

In a statement, recently issued, Sir Charles Fielding, director-general of food production for Great Britain, makes the announcement that the British grain crop this year will be the greatest since 1908. In this he directs attention to the mobilization of the civilian front in the motherland, a mobilization which for vision, effectiveness, power of adjustment and will to win equals anything the British people have done since they arose, unprepared, to meet the challenge of the greatest military aggregation known to history.

Sir Charles' brief statement tells the story of Britain's four years' leap from the position of the greatest per capita importer of food-stuffs to one in which she is, to an ever growing extent, self-supporting. It tells a story of custom and prejudice overcome and a great general effort extending from the potato rows in Hyde Park to the grain fields established in what once were stately deer forests.

In the workshop, as well as in agriculture, has freedom dug her trenches in Britain. Before the war Great Britain had tremendous industries whose products found their way to every portion of the world. But these were for a world at peace and she had no products and employed few workmen or plant for the output of materials of war. We are informed that in all Britain there were but three plants definitely set aside for the manufacture of munitions or other war materials. Now she has 150 such factories with more than 5,000 establishments under government control.

The stupendous character of such development can be considered only in terms of the securing of raw materials, of suitable machinery, of skilled workmen and of chemical research. Such an undertaking would be wonderful even in normal times when all the energies of the nation could be turned to the one goal, but during all this period of re-adjustment and accomplishment Britain's heart has been with her army and her navy and much of her energy has been devoted to the securing and training reinforcements for them. In civilian, as well as in military effort, she has had to contend with a nation forty years preparing for a conflict, a nation ever on the alert for every means to increase the efficacy of agencies of destruction and also with one that had long made science and industry the handmaids of military power.

Britain, while at war, had to build, equip, furnish, supply with raw material and man her factories and at the same time keep pace with the race in invention and applied discovery. How well she has carried on is told to the

world by the general result of her efforts, but the accurate measure of her accomplishment may never be taken on for history provides no parallel for it.

NOBILITY AND THE WAR.

Early in the present war the idea was put forward that most of the fighting would be done by the "common people," that they must make the sacrifice and pay the cost while the titled and aristocratic classes would reap the benefit. That idea did not long survive for the British casualty lists soon showed that as far as the Motherland was concerned, the son and the duke's son were fighting and falling side by side.

It is interesting to note that an unexpected development has largely contributed to shatter the fallacious doctrine of those who preached this as a war of the commoners. Representative British Socialists have been to some pains to discover just what Britain's titled classes have done and an English paper prints the result of an investigation conducted by Victor Grayson, a Socialist leader, who undertook to secure statistical information to prove that the British nobility had paid their full share of the price. His report, which deals particularly with members of the House of Lords and their families, shows as follows:

"Up to date there are 251 Peers (members of the House of Lords) who have served or are serving with His Majesty's forces. Of these 14 have been killed in action, one has died, 18 have been wounded, and one is a prisoner. In addition, eight Scottish and 28 Irish Peers have been or are with His Majesty's forces, of whom two Irish Peers have been killed, three Scottish and six Irish Peers have been wounded, and one Irish Peer has died. Taking into consideration the number of Peers who must be over military age, I think it will be readily conceded that the House of Lords has 'played the game' in the world's crisis.

"But this is not all. The sons of Peers who served or are serving with His Majesty's forces number 824. Of this very creditable total 162 have been killed in action, 126 have been wounded, 14 are prisoners, and eight have died. Out of this 824 sons of Peers 75 were heirs to the title, and of these 75 were killed and five died."

The figures quoted do not indicate the existence of a tendency on the part of the so-called upper classes to cling to the comforts and luxuries of their station, or to attempt to shirk the hardships and privations of war.

"WHAT IS SIBERIA TO US?"

The decision to raise a Canadian force for service in Siberia has raised, all over Canada, the question which forms the heading of this article, and the Ottawa Journal provides an answer which is so good and so complete that it should be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to all who question the wisdom of sending Canadian boys to the far east of Russia. The Journal says:

Siberia is vital to us because in war anything that matters to the enemy matters to us, and Siberia matters to Germany. Any coast, island, or territory, no matter how obscure, which an enemy may use to our serious injury, must be fought for without flinching. And, most certainly, there is peril of Germany using Siberia to our injury. The plain truth is—it has become an axiom of war—that the line of defence of a country is wherever the enemy may be fought. We may have to defend the women of Canada on the frontiers of China and fight for our children's bread and butter on the Equator or inside the Arctic Circle.

So, let there be no mistake about what we are fighting for in Siberia. We are fighting there for three things:

- (1) To help destroy German military power wherever it exists;
- (2) To enable a large section of the Russian people to shake off the chains which traitors inspired by Germans have placed upon their limbs;
- (3) To protect from German aggression Canada's plain interests in the Far East.

A BIT OF FUN

Right to the Name.

"You call that patch a war garden?" "Hain't it the appearance?" Since the drought hit it, it looks like a section of No Mans Land.—Washington Star.

Rhetorical Caution.

"Do you advise a man to strive for well rounded periods in writing a speech?" "Empathically," replied Senator Sorghum. "In fact, some of us could devote all our time to the punctuation

marks and omit words entirely, everybody would feel safer."

Breaking it Gently.
Sandborn gazed on his young wife with shining eyes. "A penny for your thoughts, darling," he breathed.
"Oh, John," she replied, "they will cost you more than that."
"Why, dear, what were you thinking about then?"
"Oh, about a beautiful new gown that I ordered to be sent home yesterday!"—Exchange.

Unsafe Experiment.
The party tourists were watching Prof. X as he examined the wrapped body of an ancient Egyptian.
"Judging from the utensils about him," remarked the professor, "this mummy must have been an Egyptian plumber."
"Wouldn't it be interesting," said a romantic young lady, "if we could bring him to life?"
"Interesting, but a bit risky," returned Prof. X. "Somebody might have to pay for his time."—Browning's Magazine.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE CALL.

(From Westminster Gazette.)
"Why are you putting your khaki on, Father, father mine?"
"I go today where my sons have gone, To the line."

"Why do you finger your rifle so, Father, father mine?"
"I long to meet with the brutal foe In the line."

"Why is your face so stern and white, Father, father mine?"
"I dream of my brave young boys last night In the line."

"Why do you smile as you march away, Father, father mine?"
"I march to their side, and my heart In the line."

All of us, all of us, father and son,
Pledged to do what the dead have done,
Drop in our tracks till the fight is won,
In the line, in the line, in the line.

Down with the chisel, and down with the pen,
Rise to the pride of your life again,
Ready to stand, as a man with men,
In the line, in the line, in the line.

(Sent by M. G. Bennett, aged 50, in France.)

MANY MORE CASUALTIES

Thirty or More Killed in Action, Twenty-One Dead, Five Missing and 465 Wounded.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—There were 558 casualties in last night's list. Thirty were killed in action, 21 died, 465 were wounded, four died, five missing, nine ill, 447 wounded, 35 gassed, two shell shock, three repatriated, one burned. One cancelled reported missing.

The Maritime Provinces names follow:

INFANTRY
Lieut. F. N. Benn, Norton, N. B.
ENGINEERS
A. E. McVicar, New Aberdeen, N. S.
Died of Wounds—
W. H. Morrell, Dalhousie, N. B.
W. Carrigan, Arichat, N. B.
Died—
R. Roe, Glace Bay, N. S.
MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
Killed in Action—
G. A. Estey, St. John (before reported).

Died of Wounds—
F. A. Arsenault, Summerside, P. E. I.

INFANTRY
Wounded—
A. Butcher, Quinan, N. S.
J. B. Butterworth, Scottdale, N. S.
W. Walsh, Moncton, N. B.
J. Valentine, Glace Bay, N. S.
E. C. Blackmore, Halifax, N. S.
W. H. Barron, Hantsport, N. S.
D. Duckworth, Drumhead, N. S.
O. L. Forbes, St. John, N. B.
A. W. Mark, Antigonish, N. S.
A. C. McGregor, address not stated.
I. H. Kennedy, St. John, N. B.
H. A. Halliken, Campbellton, N. B.
J. P. Gilbert, St. John, N. B.
C. C. Cairns, Emerald, P. E. I.
G. Burton, St. John, N. B.
P. A. Smith, Falmouth, N. S.
J. Power, New Waterford, N. S.
L. S. Mahoney, Bartibouque, N. B.
E. Beaton, Antigonish, N. S.
W. J. Connors, Cambridge, N. S.
A. McLeod, May'ow, N. S.
J. P. Murphy, Sydney, N. S.
G. A. Kieley, Emerald, P. E. I.
C. N. Boyer, Florenceville, N. B.

MACHINE GUN.
Gassed—
W. J. Roddick, Truro, N. S.
FORESTRY CORPS.
Ill—
S. Campbell, Glace Bay, N. S.
CYCLIST CORPS.
Wounded—
W. M. Train, Grove, N. S.
RAILWAY CORPS.
Died of wounds—
T. M. Cochrane, Dartmouth, N. S.

Ill—
J. Talbot, address not stated.
Wounded—
H. Malverstone, address not stated.

J. MacQuarrie, Melrose, N. B.
A. J. McDonald, Antigonish, N. S.
K. H. Peters, Rosaway, N. B.
A. Morris, Sydney, N. S.
W. H. Ash, Newfoundland.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.
Wounded—
N. G. Singer, Windsor, N. S.
INFANTRY
Wounded—
G. C. Baker, address not stated.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE
Mrs. Hews came to see me this afternoon, being a big fat lady with a little sunbaked, with me gets all excited when she comes to see her, on account of the cottonwood, and after they talked awhile about the war and ladies clothes and the best way to make coffee, ma said, Now, Mrs. Hews, you really must have a little something to eat, what shall it be, some fruit?

No, they say fruit is fattening, I believe I could eat a cream puff or 3 if I had them, said Mrs. Hews.
Sertony, by all means, said ma, Benny, run around to the bakers and get half a dozen of their best cream puffs.
They only got one kind, ma, I said.
Never mind arguing, said ma.
Yes, ma, I said. And she gave me the money and I went around and got them, and I was on my way back, holding the bag in my hand by a little corner of it, and all of a sudden the corner came off, and the bag fell on the pavement, making a noise like a bag full of cream puffs, with it was.

G, I thaw, I hope nothing happened to them. And I picked the bag up and kept on going, and I heard a noise in back of me down in the next block sounding as if it mite be something, and I turned around to look, and wile I was wawking backwards I bumped into a telegraph pole, the worst part of it being that the bag of cream puffs was between me and the pole wile I bumped into it, me thinking, Gosh, something must of happened to those that time. Ony I didnt look to find out, on account of thinking it mite be bad luck, and ony one more thing happened before I got home, being me falling up the front steps and keeping from falling on my face by falling on my hands wile I was carrying the bag cream puffs in both of them, thinking G, if nothing happened to them that time it aint possible for anything.
And I took the bag in, and wile ma opened it it looked like one big fearsome looking cream puff inside, proving something had happened to them all rite, and Mrs. Hews went home without eating anything and I had to go to bed the same way.

A GIRL WAS FOUND BOUND AND GAGGED
But She Did It Herself and Now Women Want Her Spanked.
Halifax. The mystery of an alleged attack on a Dartmouth young girl at Purcell's Cove a few days ago has been solved by the confession of the damsel that she tied and gagged herself to see what effect the sensation would have on a Salvation Army camp to which she belonged. The girl when found by a party of alarmed searchers told them that she had been assaulted by a strange man.

The residents of the countryside were naturally stirred up and after the occurrence the women and girls were afraid to venture out alone at night. Now that the hoax has been revealed these same women and girls are advocating that a good, smart spanking be administered to the camouflager.

E. L. Gelson, Dorchester, N. B.
E. W. Case, Upper Burton, N. B.
S. A. Wambolt, Bridgewater, N. S.
G. W. Schofield, Black River, N. S.
H. W. Jeffers, Oxford, N. S.
H. A. Reynolds, Minasville, N. S.
W. Bevis, Halifax, N. S.
Frank Barry, Inverman, N. B.
W. Peters, Bayview, P. E. I.
A. McDougall, Albert Bridge, N. S.
G. M. Grady, Lunenburg, N. S.
S. Galbraith, Lorneville, N. B.
H. G. Young, Fredericton, N. B.
G. Morris, Margaree, N. S.
S. H. Fry, St. John, N. B.
L. Clarke, Inverness, N. S.
W. J. Connors, Burlington, N. S.
A. Fleming, Kedge River, N. B.
P. R. Graham, Halifax, N. S.
W. C. McLeod, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

W. B. Jones, Lake Annis, N. S.
H. A. Cross, Italy Cross, N. S.
J. Wesley, Weymouth, N. S.
H. I. Ramey, Dalhousie, N. B.
W. Appleby, Sagwa, N. B.
A. Fleming, Kedge River, N. B.
G. McInnis, Milmingsh, P. E. I.
J. Campbell, Desable, P. E. I.
G. A. Jones, Moncton, N. B.
L. D. Dunn, Fredericton, N. B.
E. F. Miller, Noel, N. S.
R. Marshall, Sydney, N. S.
P. Osborne, New Aberdeen, N. S.

DEPOT BATTALION MAY WINTER HERE

Advantages of St. John As Winter Quarters For Soldiers Sent To Militia Department.
Yesterday morning a conference was held in the office of Mayor Hayes at which the mayor, Gen. Macdonnell, R. W. Wigmore, M. P., and Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., were present, in regard to the winter quarters for the Depot Battalion. When Hon. P. B. Caryell was recently in the city it was pointed out to him that St. John was the most suitable place for the men to spend the winter and after yesterday's meeting Caryell was sent to the Militia Department pointing out the advantages of the city, and it is expected as a result of the efforts put forth the battalion will again winter here.

CONVENTION AT TORONTO.
Bishop C. S. Smith, of Duluth, who recently presided at the convention of the A. M. E. churches held at St. Philip's Church, Queen street, left last evening on the Montreal express for Toronto, where he will preside at the opening of the Toronto convention, which opens on Thursday at that centre.

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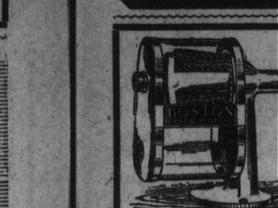
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