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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.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Long years ago the Scottish Bard with his exquisite style etched the indictment of human cruelty in the never-to-be-forgotten phrase, "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn," and never in all the long history of the world has that thought been granted a more terrible emphasis than at the present time, and then, to think of it, the present time is Christmas time.

It all seems so terribly wrong that almost everywhere upon the face of the earth this year the carols of Christmas must be shot through with the dirges of the dead and with the wails of those whose loved ones return no more.

That there is a strange similarity between the first Christmas and that of today no one will deny for we all have been told the pathetic story of the frightened and fugitive mothers in the days, so long past, of Herod the King. At the present time in the on-ward swing of the world this sad chapter of human history has been repeated with horrible emphasis and from Flanders, from Poland, from France, from Armenia and from Serbia, we have witnessed ever lengthening processions of women with their hungry and helpless babes flying like hunted game for their very lives.

In Russia also out of the three million Lithuanians over 700,000 were compelled to seek escape from death in flight before the murderous Germans and of these there are 30,000 in Petrograd alone. Thus in Europe, in many different countries, there are, this Christmas season, thousands upon thousands of women and their little children, many of the children scarcely more than babes at the breast, who have been driven from their homes and, far away among strangers, without a roof to shelter them, are tearfully crying to God and to man for help and succor. Surely these are dark nights in Europe and the air is biting cold and filled with the wrack and gloom of storm.

Yet there are some kindly stars beaming and among them those that foretell happier days to be ushered in when, at last, after a long and agonizing night of sorrow, the joy of Peace shall come. Even now the star of promise is brightening that this war must and shall be the last. Not that the world can expect that after this time there will not be need for the strong arm, that would be too much to anticipate, but that never again shall there be permitted upon this earth a war after the type of this war.

Such wars must cease and cease they shall. There is no use saying that the world can never get rid of them for the world can and must. The modern world has conquered plague and has largely vanquished famine, and war, also, must be laid low. War is the most ancient and abominable form of pestilence and it must and can be mastered and controlled if not utterly expelled. Perhaps there are eyes that have failed to discern this bright light in the beams of the Christmas star but surely this beam of health and healing is burning and will burn with still greater brightness onward from this Christmas time.

The Christmas star also proclaims that Liberty shall not perish from off the face of the earth. A strange and daring thing happened recently in a great church in the city of Brussels. It was filled with a throng of people who had gathered to commemorate the architect Beauc. All at once the crowd demanded that the organist play the Barcarolle and in spite of German spies and German threats the great stirring waves of the national hymn of the Belgians surged against the walls of the sacred edifice and overflowed to the streets without, while the crowds of bound but not beaten Belgian patriots filled the church and the streets with cheers and sang back in the face of their villainous oppressors the defiant cry of the King, Law, Liberty!

It is thus and by such a dauntless spirit that the Christmas star pledges to the whole world Peace and Liberty and it shall accomplish both these big purposes by purifying and strengthening Faith in the Christian religion.

Just outside the cathedral of Nieuport, which the Hun barbarians had

sacrilegiously battered down, there stands a pillar, some fourteen feet high, with a crucifix upon its top. Strange as it may appear, we are assured that it is a fact that while all about and around this pillar the destructive engines of these enemies of the Christian religion had wrought desolation, yet not as much as a scratch had come upon this emblem of The Authority and Final Conquest of Him whose Name long ago was declared to be The Prince of Peace.

PERSONAL.

Dr. J. M. Barry will leave this morning to spend the Christmas season at Melrose, N. B.

Private H. J. McAvity of the Travelers' Platoon, left last evening for Fredericton to spend Christmas with his wife and family.

Col. H. H. McLean, M.P., has returned to the city from Upper Canada. Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, recruiting officer, left yesterday for Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lively left for New York last evening to spend Christmas with their son, Dr. D. S. Lively.

Hon. William and Mrs. Pugsley arrived on the Montreal train yesterday.

T. H. Bullock, Jr., N. L. Frith and W. D. Lightbourne, of Bermuda, arrived here yesterday from St. Andrew's College, Toronto.

John Thomas, of New York, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. de Forest, Sydney street.

Miss Isabel Gormley returned yesterday from a trip to Boston and New York.

George McDade has returned home from Dalhousie College, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. McCloskey, of Boston, Mass., are the guests of Mr. McCloskey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCloskey, 238 Douglas avenue.

M. J. Carreno, a sugar cane grower from Havana, Cuba, passed through the city last night on his way to Halifax where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his brother-in-law, the Cuban consul general. He was accompanied by Mrs. Carreno.

Capt. L. P. D. Tilley recruiting officer for New Brunswick, arrived on the Boston train last night.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL SENDS GREETINGS TO SOLDIERS.

The following greetings of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General, were included in the regimental orders of the 69th, 140th and 115th battalions yesterday:

"Please convey to all the Canadian troops in the Dominion of Canada and overseas my best wishes for Christmas. In doing so I wish to congratulate them on the splendid manner in which they have come forward in defence of the Dominion and Empire, and I feel sure that when called to the front they will worthily maintain the traditions of those who have preceded them overseas."

"ARTHUR."

The orders for the divisional area call attention to the fact that neither officers nor men must be allowed any intoxicating liquor at any military entertainment.

Grateful to Firemen.

The Western Union Telegraph Company, whose building adjoins the W. H. Thorne & Co. premises, were quick in showing their appreciation of the excellent work by the St. John fire department. Yesterday District Chief Charles H. Jackson, who is in charge of the department during the illness of Chief Blake, received a cheque for fifty dollars as a donation to the Firemen's Relief Association. On behalf of the firemen Chief Jackson wishes to publicly thank the Western Union Company for the donation. The Chief on behalf of the firemen also wishes to thank those who gave coffee, lunches and cigars to the firemen during their period of hard work fighting the flames.

Have Passed Examination.

The following have passed the examination conducted a few days ago by Captain May at the recruiting rooms in Mill street for admission to the mechanical unit of the transport corps. They will leave for Halifax on January 3, to report for duty: Edmund J. Dooey of the Bank of British North America; Gordon Gilbert, of J. A. Pugsley & Co.; Harold Goodwin, with A. L. Goodwin, German street; Ansell Baker, representative of the Regal Car Co., and Edward McKinley.

Yesterday's Recruiting.

Two men signed the roll of honor yesterday. They were Thomas Kelley of Liverpool and Robert T. Dixon, who was transferred from Amherst. It was a quiet day around the Mill street office. Several men applied but have not yet been examined. The machine gun section of the 104th went about twenty more men and Sergt. P. H. Therrell received applications until Monday night at his home 206 Rockland road.

LETTER FROM J. EDGAR MARCH IN HOSPITAL

Officer of "Fighting 26th" is rapidly recovering from fever—A "cure for German measles."

In letters to friends on The Standard, Lieutenant J. Edgar March of the 26th, formerly city editor of this newspaper, writes that he is rapidly recovering and expects to be back with his battalion in about six weeks from date of writing, December 24th. He writes: "I've been in one hospital and another for some time now, but expect to get back to the front in six weeks or so. I left the battalion with measles, the result of a scratch I got, and since then have contracted fever and sundry ailments. However, I am on my feet again and am beginning to take an interest in the dinner song, which is a good sign. While at the Duchess of Westminster's hospital I saw Dr. Murray MacLaren and lots of other St. John people. Dr. MacLaren is in command of No. 1 Canadian General Hospital. He had me down to lunch and showed me around the place. I saw several of my platoon and the most of my bombing section there. They were wounded in the slight show we had on October 13th which, I can tell you, was quite some occasion."

Lieutenant March also recounts meeting in the Duchess of Westminster Hospital Nursing Sister Edith F. Bradley, sister of Mrs. A. E. McKinley of this city. Miss Bradley is in the "X" Ray department on special work. He also referred feelingly to the Lieutenant Charles Lawson.

Appropos of the "cater fight" on October 13 he says: "We lost quite a few men but, as the kid says, 'Gee, you ought to have seen the other fellow.' I guess our boys made some of the Germans think of home and mother."

He also refers to the fact that the commandant sent to the battalion a letter of praise and they deserved it. "Sandy" McMillan and I saw Sergeant Ryer win his Distinguished Service Medal for bringing in a wounded man under fire. It was a great deed of heroism but I will have to save it until I come home."

Lieutenant March sends through The Standard his warm Christmas wishes to his many friends.

Cure For German Measles.

H. B. Cobham, who is at the front, has sent several souvenirs home to his mother, Mrs. George Cobham, 97 Spruce street, West St. John, the latest to be added to the collection is a postal card, received a couple of days ago. It reads as follows:

A Certain Cure for the German Measles.

Mix some Woolwich Powders with Tinct. of Iron or Essence of Lead, and administer in pills (or shells). Have ready a little British Army (a little goes a long way), some Brussels Sprouts and French Mustard. Add a little Canadian Cheese and Australian Lamb and season with the best Indian Curry. Set it on a Kitchener and keep stirring until quite hot.

If this does not make the Patient perspire freely, rub the best Russian Bears' Grease on his chest and wrap in Berlin Wool.

Dr. Cannon's Prescrip.

P. S.—The patient must not on account have any Peace-Soup until the swelling in the head has quite disappeared.

The Christmas Market.

The Christmas markets are not very well supplied this year, poultry of all kinds being very scarce. The shortage is more particularly noticed in turkeys, and prices for them are the highest they have ever been in St. John. They are selling from 35 to 40 cents per pound. Chickens are selling from \$1.25 per pair upwards, and Geese are quoted at \$1.75 each.

Siege Battery Men at Dinner.

No. 1 section of No. 4 Siege Battery had a dinner last night at Bond's restaurant. Lieut. Gordon Kerr, commander of the section, was present and a very enjoyable time was spent by all present. At 10.30 the members of the section to the number of forty sat down to dinner, Sergt. D. L. Martin in the chair. After the eatables had been disposed of the following programme was carried out: The King, claret solo, Geo. Stephenson; the ladies, proposed by Gunner H. Turner and responded to by Gunner R. E. Puxleton; solo, E. A. Brown; No. 4 Battery proposed, by Gunner Dowsett, responded to by Sergt. Major Ellis; solo, Gunner H. Turner.

AS WE GROW OLDER

our minds are quite as active as in former years but our strength does not respond when we need it most; perhaps the kidneys are weak, the liver torpid, rheumatic pains or stiffened joints beset us, and we cannot easily throw off the colds that winter brings.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Miss Kitty, being our teacher, told us awl about the Awderbon Sislety and crooly to berds today, and this afternoon my cuzzin Artie went in my house to get a drink of wattr, and even he came out he said, Hay, Benny, wat do you think, your sistir Gladdis is coming down stairs to go out with a whole haif of a berd awn her hat, we cant allow that, osh we.

Crooly to berds, the Awderbon Sislety to the rescue, I sed. And I ran up our front steps and grabbed a hold of the door nob of the door with both hands, and Artie grabbed me around the waste, and jest then sub-moody tryed to open the door from inside the vesterbule, being Gladdis, saying, Hele, wat ales this door.

Take that berd owf your hat, woman, in the name of the Awderbon Sislety, I sed.

Woman, remove that berd, sed Artie.

O, so its you 2, heb, sed Gladdis, let go of this door immedittly, Im in a hurry.

You can have your choice, I sed, wich will you do, take that haif of a berd awf of your hat or pass a fine of 10 sents undir the door to the Awderbon Sislety.

Will you or wont you, sed Gladdis ratteling awn the door nob mad as enything.

Dont argue with the Awderbon Sislety, we cood put you in jale for wat you did to that haif of a berd, I sed.

We advise you to pay the fine, woman, sed Artie.

Wich Gladdis didnt answer, and I still kepp a hold of the door nob and Artie still kepp hold of me, and awl at wunt a lot of cold wattr hit me and I fell down the steps backwards and quick got up and ran back and grabbed a hold of the door agen, and sum moar wattr came down and hit Artie awn top of the head, and we both jumped down awn the pavement and looked up to see if any moar wattr was coming, and while we was waudring weathir Gladdis was coming down stairs or getting redy to throw moar wattr, the front door opened and she wawked out with the haif of a berd awn her hat, saying, Hee hee, you will try to get the best of me, will you.

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Case in Chambers.

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