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#### London, Ont., Thursday, April 18. HEALTHY OPTIMISM.

TO FACE SUCH FACTS of warfare as the latest German drive towards Bailleul and Hazebrouck have occasioned need not create a spirit of pessimism among ourselves. Some of us read of the fall of Wytschaete, Wulverghem and Neuve Eglise, and deduce therefrom the conclusion that everything in the war-zone is going in the worst possible way with the British arms. These places were once peaceful villages; they became rest billets; still later they were converted, through shell fire, into what appeared disused brickyards; today they are merely yawning craters. Their abandonment means nothing more than a loss of ground, which is of no value, for the sake of holding the British front intact and saving human lives

The German armies, on the other hand, have created for themselves a very large salient, the present apex of which lies slightly to the west of Bailleul. Their line, commencing from the region of Ypres, extends south-eastward by way of Wytschaete, Wulverghem and Neuve Eglise and then almost due west to Bailleul. From this point it travels back nearly due east toward Arras. Though Bailleul has fallen, the fact that Meteren, slightly southwest of it, has been recaptured proves that the British are stiffening their resistance to the Germans, whose objective is Hazebrouck, some eight or ten miles southwest of Bailleul

Later dispatches say that the advanced British posts on the Ypres front have been evacuated. through Ypres and Poperinghe to Hazebrouck is to be defended by the northern flank of the British armies.

The Germans may attempt to reach Hazebrouck via Poperinghe or Steenvoorde, as well as through the southern area round Bailleul and thus flatten out the apex of their present salient. Should something of this nature be tried, it must be remembered that the larger the salient the greater the number of men required for its holding. Again, to quote a dispatch:

'The very intensity and fury of the German's attack now indicates that it cannot go on long at the present pace. He has used 115 divisions on the western front. He never had over 190, and at least 65 were needed to hold the line from Switzerland to the Seventy-five divisions have been withdrawn because of losses, and it is certain that the remaining reserve of fresh troops cannot be over ten divisions; while the Allies on their side have not yet made any great call upon their reserves. Therefore, the power to strike back must still lie with Foch.'

Referring to the impression he gained in France, Mr. Baker, the United States secretary of var, says that it is

"One of determination, confidence and enthusiasm among the people.

"The American, British, French and

Italian armies are filled with this tremendous spirit.

"Everyone is determined to see the job through and quite confident of the outcome. I would say that the general sentiment is one of inspired confidence.

There is no need to go to the extreme of being either careless or frivolous in our estimate of the menace at our doors; but, on the other hand, it is nothing short of criminal to cultivate pessimism and inspire those with whom we come in contact with the same spirit. Face facts, have borne and bearing the heat and burden of the day, are still full of determination; have faith, a larger one if possible, in the soldiers who are so us have a little common sense and try to be cool his soul unsmeared? and level-headed.

MEN NEEDED FOR THE CRISIS. military service act as applied up to the present time was far from adequate to meet the demand for men. It was necessary almost to scrap the measure in order to meet the situation, or at least to alter it most materially. The call for men now comes to all of those previously exempted for any reason excepting physical disqualification, and in addition men over 19 at the present time are to be ordered to report. It is estimated that 9,000 men in this district will immediately feel the effect of the twist which the Government has given to the screws.

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CANADIANS IN THE AIR SERVICE.

[Canadian Gazette, London.]

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Lloyd George. Better that every man who can shoulder a gun should be taken than that the German chances of victory should be increased. The Borden Government did not apply conscription in a manner to secure the men required at a which it now must cope.

## WHAT LIES BEHIND IT?

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS is almost certain to hear more about "that man O'Connor." His charges of interference against Hon. Thomas Crothers have only served to whet the public appetite for more facts regarding which Mr. O'Connor somewhat ambiguously hints. It is difficult to believe that the overriding of the chief's authority by the minister in one instance would have caused the state of affairs which was

revealed in the correspondence. The merits of the case should be laid before the House, and Mr. O'Connor should not leave the matter in the uncertain state in which it rests. A man who has the confidence of the public to the extent he has should not permit it to be said or to appear that his temperament was difficult.

It is significant that Mr. Crothers made every effort to hold back the letter in which Mr. O'Connor made his charges and that before laying the matter before the House he took advant- nicer to be good friends and play age of the interval to indite a reply. It is not fair to let the case rest where it is. At the present I'm sure. And you wouldn't let me go time it appears to have been a rather childish around with other men, or anything

time it appears to have been a rather childish quarrel. What lay behind the antagonistic attitudes of the two men is the important point. That they were antagonistic may be plainly seen. But it is hard to believe that office routine was at the heart of their mutual disregard.

THE LATE T. H. SMALLMAN.

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THE LATE T. H. Smallman was born in Ireland, and came to Canada in his early years. His first position was with the firm of T. & J. Thompson, the leading wholesale hardware firm of London. The late William Bowman asked Mr. Smallman if he thought he would like railroading. Mr. Smallman replied that he thought he would. Shortly after that he entered the service of the London and Port Stanley Railway, of which Mr. Bowman was general manager. Association with Mr. Bowman developed Mr. Smallman's natural capacity for business. The young are very much influenced by those older than are very man's natural capacity for business. The young are very much influenced by those older than themselves with whom they come in contact, particularly those occupying higher positions in the ticularly those occupying higher positions in the description of the ticularly those occupying higher positions in the ticularly those occupying higher positi business in which they are engaged. Mr. William again?" Yes, she has. She simply doesn't

which was owned by him and the late William Bowman. The chemical works and his oil operations were his life's work, and the foundations of is greatest success. He found time, however, to form connections in other directions which he deemed for the general good. He was a director of the London Life and vice-president of the London and Western Trusts. He was a director the london and Western Trusts. He was a director a note from Russell which caused her deemed for the general good. He was a director of the London Life and vice-president London and Western Trusts. He was a director of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company and the Imperial Oil Company. He was vice-president also of the London Street Railway, with which also of the London Street Railway, with which the base been intimately associated since the soon. Take good care of yourself, "Russell." This would suggest that the railroad running his name has been intimately associated since the

day of the horse cars under the presidency of Mr. Verschoyle Cronyn.

For a number of years he took an active interest in the Western University and was a member of the board of governors. He was never satisfied with the progress it was making. He thought it, with its situation in the centre of Western Ontario, should become a success and power in much less time than it was taking. The London Club, the London Hunt and the Western Fair Board also had in him a staunch friend.

He was a Conservative all his life, except during the time Colonel Walker was the Liberal standard-bearer. He with several other prominent Conservatives gave loyal support to the colonel during all the time he was in public life. After the colonel's retirement Mr. Smallman

After the colonel's retirement Mr. Smallman life! again joined the Conservative party. His name Even was frequently mentioned for a senatorship, and had he been appointed his long experience and sound views would have been of great value in the

The death of Mr. Smallman closes a long, ive and useful life. Many think

"The living on the only dead."

"Doesn't he look well, dear?" said Mrs. Ogden. "We're all so proud of him, too. I only hate to have him go so far away."

At dinner Mollie sat between Ed active and useful life. Many think

spent his life, better than he found it. His life has been a distinct advantage to the business and social life of London, whose citizens will long and kindly remember him, and feel sincere sorrow for his widow and family.

# EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Union Government set out to reinforce our boys at the front. It is now very busy trying to discover exactly how this should be done.

A Hamilton man was knocked down by a horse and wagon in Toronto. To a man from any faith in such men as Foch and Haig who, having other place this would be an insult in these days of stepping lively.

Bolo Pasha went to his death dressed in a splendidly trying to save by their lives the "new suit and white gloves." He may never have splendidly trying to save by their lives the "new suit and white gloves." He may never have liberties we hold dear; and, for goodness sake, let soiled his hands through actual murder, but was fusal settled it for me—I'm glad I

When the farmer wants rain, the city dweller wants sunshine. As the city dweller is dependent ILITARY necessity has proven that the on the farmer for the necessities of life, we think the farmer ought to have the rain. The luxury of sunshine will suit both at a later date.

mmons last week. In the preceding sentence Major Baird had specifically mentioned the part of Canadian airmen in this new empire comradeship, but if it be true, as Canadian airmen declare, that the percentage of Canadians in the R. F. C. and R. N. A. S. is from 30 to 50 per cent of the whole number in these forces, it seems strange that tion in a manner to secure the men required at a time when it professed to see the very crisis with Mustralia, and have lumped Canada with South Africa, New Zealand and India. We are not greedy, but there is proportion to be observed in parliamentary as well as military mentions. Perhaps Australia owes her parlia-mentary precedence to the fact that Major Baird was able to speak of Australian "flying squadrons which have rendered invaluable service at the front." We shall be glad to hear that Canadians also are to be given the op-portunity of flying in their own Canadian squadrons.

## THE NEW HOUSEWIFE.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.] "This is a special flour for making flannel cakes." The young housewife was trying to appear wise. "Does it make good cakes?" she asked. "Excellent flannel cakes, mum." "Ah, um. Will they shrink?"

### The Advertiser's Daily Short Story Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate, WHAT A UNIFORM WILL DO. By Kitty Parsons.

"But I don't want to be engaged to anyone, Russell. It's ever so much around together. If we were married you wouldn't be half so nice to me,

business in which they are engaged. Mr. William Bowman was an exceptionally able and accurate business man. Mr. Smallman in after years became equally so. He united courage with caution and sound common sense. He remained in the service of the London and Port Stanley until 1872, when the railway was leased to the Great Western.

He formed a partnership with the late Colonel Walker to operate in oil, which lasted for several years and was very profitable. He was equally successful in the Canada Chemical Company, which was owned by him and the late William and I will and leave there's any chance of my getting a job in the army? I'm over the draft age, but I've wanted to enlist with the engineers for a long time. I'd grain a singular to do stone of you. You've never kept her guessing at all. Now, what you want to do is to go away for a while and leave her alone. Then you'll find out whether or not she cares anything about me—that's all."

"Yes, she has. She simply doesn't care anything about me—that's all."

"Well, then, you are all wrong in this matter. The whole trouble is that Mollie's too sure of you. You've never kept her guessing at all. Now, what you want to do is to go away for a while and leave her alone. Then you'll find out whether or not she cares anything about me—that's all."

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over the draft age, but I've wanted to enlist with the engineers for a long time. I'd go in a minute now, but I don't think it would do any good as far as Mollie is concerned."
"You leave Mollie to me. I'm going to be the doctor in this case, and my prescription is not to see Mollie at all for the present. It may be hard, but the present. It may be hard, but hink it will pay in the end. What

miringly, when she was dressed en Mollie felt that she was telling he truth, too. Russell and Ogden came in together and Mollie's eyes nearly jumped out her head when she saw that Russe

"The living are the only dead;
The dead live—nevermore to die;
And often, when we mourn them fled,
They never were so nigh."

Mr. Smallman leaves the city, in which he the life, better than a casual greeting, but they were both conscious of the other's slightest move. Afterwards, in the drawing-room, they asked Mollie to sing, and tussell went to the piano to play her accompaniments. ccompaniments.
"Sing this one," he urged, picking up an old love song they had often sung together. Mollie choked when she saw it, but she managed to answer indifferently that she'd rather not, and selected a light, frivolous thing that he frankly hated. Then she sang a lullaby at the request of her hostess and ended with a sad little melody that brought tears to the eyes of everyone present—herself included.

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the was not all easy evening for solu-e, and she was glad when at last she ould excuse herself and go home. "Russell is going with you," Mrs. "Russell is going with you," Mrs. Dgdsn announced.
"Oh, it isn't at all necessary—the car is here!"
"I know, but he insisted—here he is, himself."
"I'd really rather you didn't come, "I'd really rather you didn't come, might as well kiss Contentment good-bysell—it's only a little way."

Then, you're glad I refused you,

Here we are," the announced cheer- habit of remaining at home more

rying you are concerned."
"Why don't you try and find out?"
"Because I hate to go forth to battle, defeated at the start."
"Why don't you go forth victori-

"Why don't you go forth victorious?"

"Mollie, I'm in no mood for repartee or anything else. Do you care anything at all about me, or don't you?—that's the only thing in the world I want to know."

"I always have, only you never went away long enough for me to find it out. And when I saw you in your uniform and heard you had enlisted I knew I cared most awfully and I was too miserable for words."

"And will you marry me when I come back. Mollie, darling?"
"Yes, if I can't do it before you go away."

"Allie, "While, "I'm the hampiest

"Yes, if I can't do it belofe you go away."
"Mollie, Mollie—I'm the happiest man in the world. But I'll never be half so wise as Ed Ogden—I take off my hat to him."
"You're a thousand times wiser than Ed, Russ."
"I may be in some ways, but not where women are concerned."
But Mollie never knew how very wise Ed really had been.





"The man who said that silence is golden was crazy," said Smith.
"How do you make that out?" asked "Why," replied Smith, "if silence was golden, Bill Bryan would be a pauper instead of a wealthy man."

A dancer who had many beaux said: "I'm greatly admired, goodness kneaux. My face is't fair,

And my shape's not all there, But the men are in love with my teaux. Advice.

Do not seek delays,
Don't put off to your sorrow;
An ounce of today's
Worth a ton of tomorrow.

Put Them Gold Bricks in the Wagon, Si. [Chickasaw (Ohio) Cor. Coldwater Chronicle.] Let's go sucker hunting, is the slogan

Just as Easy. Can you write down five figures, all odd numbers, and have them add up even? Arithmetically this is impossible, for how can any odd number of odd numbers add up so as to make an even number? But you can do it. Here's

Aw. Gwan!
Stranded actors should walk home,
To hop trains is not proper;
But, if he were in such a fix, You should see De Wolf Hopper. A Wish.

The kaiser's throat I'd
Like to grip;
I'll bet my fingers
Wouldn't slip. Things To Worry About.

Our Daily Special.

Luke McLuke Says. Why is it that the more ill-natured a woman is as a wife the better-natured she is as a widow? she is as a widow?

Every married man wonders why
there are not more female monologue
artists in vaudeville.

A man may be totally devoid of superstition and yet regard a graveyard as a -herself included.

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"I'd really rather you didn't come.
Rusell—it's only a little way."
"I know, but as long as it's my last night before I go to camp, I thought you might humor me—shall we waik?"
"Yes I'd prefer it. When did you decide to enlist?"
The free sample given away to advertise the product is usually a good deal better than the package of the same product that you purchase.
There is always some hope for a man until he gets so lazy that he would not be the same product that you purchase. rather do without a thing than go after

There are 98,765,432 ways to make money. And there are 987,654,321,000 "Then, you're great and the proof of the pro



# If Not A Family Garden Why Not A Community Garden?

Those who grew vegetables in their gardens, or who went in for Community vegetable gardening last year, and had good results, will do the same this year.

But to those who attempted vegetable gardening without success we say: Try again. As a matter of sheer necessity it is worth your while.

Don't rush into it. Figure out what you aim to do before you start. Then get the advice of a friendly neighbor whose vegetable garden was a success.

First of all fill out the coupon below and mail it and get a free copy of the Department of Agriculture's booklet entitled "A Vegetable Garden For Every Home." It is full of helpful practical suggestions, including plans for various sized gardens. If, after reading it, and getting the advice of your neighbor, you find that the soil in your own garden is not suited to vegetable gardening, get some neighbors or friends to join you and rent, or secure the donation of, a piece of suitable land nearby. Then pool your efforts in labour and money for the cultivation of substantial vegetable crops.

For example: Last year thirty-five men in an Ontario city, all of whom were novices at gardening. formed a pool of ten dollars each, and rented four acres of ground on the outskirts of the city. They then secured the services of a man who knew something about farming. They paid him to plow and harrow the land, purchase seed, and get the job properly started. Then each man agreed, and lived up to his agreement, to do so much hoeing. Incidentally they paid the farmer for his supervision and direction through the season.

In November of last year they had \$42.00 still left in the treasury, and to each of thirty-five families there had been delivered (charges prepaid) vegetables to the market value of about \$31.00.

Everybody was perfectly satisfied; and the result is, those same thirty five men are going to double their efforts this year.

The point we want to make is this. If those thirty-five men had been left to their own devices, in their own back gardens, some of them might have taken off \$30 worth of vegetables for their efforts, but most of them would not. Whereas by tackling the job on the Community plan they shared each others good fortune, joked over their disappointments, and produced more than \$1,000.00 worth of vegetables at market prices, and so relieved the demand for food that much.

Why not try to do likewise? One other point that may help you to decide is this.

The farmers of Ontario have been urged to grow more wheat, and to produce more abundantly of the farm products that can best be sent overseas. The people in villages, towns and cities, therefore, are asked to grow food to feed themselves as far as possible so that the overseas supplies may not be drawn on unless absolutely necessary.

It is quite possible that vegetables may be higher in price next fall and winter than they have been this last year, consequently every pound of food you grow will make you that much less dependent upon them.

Write now for a free copy of the booklet entitled "A Vegetable Garden for Every Home," prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. It is full of helpful practical suggestions, including plans for various sized gardens. You can get a copy by filling out and mailing the coupon below.

Dear Sirs:	
Please	send me a copy of your booklet "A Vegetable Garden for
Every Home."	
	Name
	Address

ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE In Co-Operation with Canada Food Board

Women Are Working.

PARIS. April 17. - Nine women and two men among yesterday's casualties yard outside a workshop. When the shell exploded a fragment passed through a glass wall between the courty and operated there under the direction of G. A. Tomlinson of Duluth, Minn., was equipped with first aid appliances, and within half an hour all the injured had been taken to the hospital.

Work was resumed this morning at the factory, with all the women employees present except those who were wounded. Another shell fell in the middle of a barge on the river, cutting it in two. The crew dived and escaped unhurt.

railroad administration, and that a fleet of barges be constructed immediately and operated there under the direction of G. A. Tomlinson of Duluth, Minn., to relieve freight traffic.

SPANISH SHIP SUBBED.

MADRID, April 17.—The owners of the Spanish vessel Louisa have informed the Government that the ship has been torpedoed. Three of the crew were lost.

N. W. M. P. PATROL WITHDRAWN. WINNIPEG, April 17.—The Northwest Mounted Police patrol, charged

AMERICAN CONVICTS TAR AN ALLEGED SPY

Paris Bombardment

Shell Falls in Shop Where

Women Are Working

McADOO HAS ASSUMED CONTROL OF ERIE CANAL

due to long-range bombardment of Paris were killed by a shell falling in a courtyard outside a workshop. When the WASHINGTON, April 17.—Director-General McAdoo tonight ordered that the Erie Canal be taken over by the railroad administration, and that a fleet

with the task of patrolling the border between Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the United States, has been with-

FOR WINTER HEALTH Scott's Emulsion makes strength to avoid winter sickness. It enriches the blood, warms the body, strengthens the

The terrible struggle to breathe, the choking from restricted throat muscles find

Remedy