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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1918.

"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 COUNCIL AND THE POWER COMPANY.

The City Council has now entered upon the preparation of the case to be submitted to the Legislature in connection with the application of the New Brunswick Power Company for permission to make certain increases in their rates for service. In this task the Council should have the assistance of all citizens who ought to be interested in this important matter. The interests of the city will be better promoted by public support of the Council in doing this work than by criticism, such as has been indulged in, for not doing the work before it was ready to be done.

No one in the city, except, possibly, some of those interested in the Power Company, desires that the company shall receive anything to which it is not honestly and justly entitled. The Public Utilities Commission, which usually acts with splendid judgment, has acted hastily,—particularly in the face of the city's protest,—in permitting the company to increase its rates for gas. It was pointed out that the company could not be permitted to treat its gas enterprise as something apart from its other activities and to be dealt with upon its own separate basis.

At the time Auditor Macintyre's report was presented to the Council the City Solicitor pointed out that a copy of that report should be sent to the Public Utilities Commission which was dealing with that phase of the matter. Some newspapers, however, exercising a hasty judgment on the subject, criticised that suggestion as if it was an attempt to sidetrack the report. Yesterday the City Council decided to ask the Public Utilities Commission to revoke its decision in respect to the increase in the price of gas. The basis of this request is the Macintyre report, and to obtain action it will be necessary to present the report to the Public Utilities Commission, just as the City Solicitor long ago advised.

The City Council so far is not to be blamed for any omission. That body took steps before the Public Utilities Commission to oppose the application of the New Brunswick Power Company unless that application could be shown to be justified. The city's counsel pointed out to the commission that under the existing laws street railway fares could not be increased nor transfer privileges interfered with, and it was due to this action on the part of the city's counsel that citizens today are not paying increased street railway fares with transfer privileges abolished.

It does not appear therefore that either the City Council or its officials have so far failed in their duty and there is no justification for the suggestion that they will fail in the future. What they require now is less hasty and ill-founded criticism and more real backing from the citizens whose interests they are safeguarding.

A COMMENDABLE DECISION.

The Commissioners of the Municipal Home are to be commended upon their action in asking that the investigation into the home's affairs shall be conducted by a committee altogether independent of the management of that institution. Messrs. A. M. Rowan, W. E. Sculley and Fred Green, the committee originally appointed by the Commission to hear the evidence in the case, are citizens of standing in whom general confidence is reposed, but the fact that they are members of the Municipal Home Board could not but lead to the impression that they should not sit in judgment upon a matter in which the administration of that institution is concerned. They, themselves, have recognized this, and at their request the investigation will be conducted by the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council, a body of which Commissioner Rupert W. Wigmore, M. P., is chairman, and which embraces in its membership the other municipal representatives of the city as well as a representative from each of the parishes and the warden of the county.

This commission will open its sessions on Monday evening next, and as it is probable there will be a large number of witnesses in attendance, The Standard suggests that the hearing shall be held in the Court House, where there will be ample room for all who desire to attend.

The case should not be permitted to rest solely upon the statements of those outside of the home who have encountered conditions there which they believe could be improved, but inmates of that institution should be summoned and encouraged to produce any facts within their knowledge. As The Standard has previously stated, no one is on trial in this matter—the sole desire is to direct attention to conditions in the home which appear to need remedying. This paper has complete confidence that the Commissioners desire that all evidence bearing on the criticisms on the home shall be brought out so that if a remedy is required the Commissioners themselves can apply it. In seeking an independent enquiry and thus throwing the gates wide open the Commissioners have acted wisely and have shown a spirit that is altogether commendable

AN ALLIED PEACE THIS YEAR.

That Germany is staking all on Hindenburg's much advertised Western offensive and that, if beaten, she has no other "card in her sleeve" is the opinion of war reviewers who have carefully studied the situation both as regards the Western front, the scene of what may well be the last big battle, and as it is affected by the attitude of the German people themselves.

W. Philip Simms of the United Press is the latest correspondent to give expression to his conviction that a peace of the Allies dictation is more than a possibility of the year 1918. In his opinion it is only necessary to "hold on on the West front and the war is done." And he believes the Allies can and will "hold on."

In spite of the stories of the huge army Germany has gathered for this one big effort Mr Simms does not believe that the Teutons have "the proverbial chance in a thousand." "French punch and British bulldogism" will beat them when they start, and once the Hindenburg attack fails the backbone of German effort will be so badly broken that the further continuance of the war will be very brief. "Germany," Mr. Simms declares, is "dying of rot and is trying to frighten the Allies by making faces.' He then continues: "doubtlessly she has one pnuch left, after which—nothing."

It is remarkable that in the past few weeks many other correspondents with excellent facilities for gleaning the facts of the situation have taken the same view as Mr. Simms. They feel that the coming battle will represent the acme of Germany's effort, and if it fails, she will be forced by her war-weary people to accept what peace terms the Allies are willing to give. They are equally certain that the effort will fail and that the duration of the war is a thing to be measured at most in terms of months.

THE SOLDIER VOTE.

The result of the civilian voting in the last Canadian general election was to give the Union Government a majority of forty-four seats in the House of Commons, and it was then predicted that when the soldier vote was added a number of seats, apparently returning opposition members, would also show Government victories, which would have the effect of increasing the Government's majority to at least sixty. It now turns out that the soldier vote is even more strongly Unionist than was expected and the most recent estimate is that when the Government meets the House it will be with a majority of at least seventy-five seats.

One of the results of the soldier vote which is particularly gratifying to Unionists all over Canada is that the complexion of Cumberland, N. S., has been changed and that Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, the capable Speaker of the Commons, who was, seemingly, defeated on election day, will be returned with a substantial lead over his opponent, Mr. H. J. Logan. Hon. Mr. Rhodes will, of course, be the Speaker of the new House, a fact in which Parliament and the country can feel particular gratification. No honorable gentleman who ever presided over the deliberations of the Canadian House of Commons has filled that position more acceptably than the member for Cumberland. That he will be in his accustomed place when Parliament assembles is a matter on which Parliament and the country can well be congratulated.

On Saturday the Salvation Army will make an appeal to citizens for funds with which to prosecute the work among the boys at the front. No organization catering to the material as well as the spiritual needs of the boys overseas has given better or more commendable service than the Salvation Army. Recognizing neither class nor creed, making the need of the individual the sole qualification for assistance the Army has won for itself a place in the hearts of the soldiers and their relatives at home in which it will be for ever secure. Those who help the Army on Saturday will be promoting the highest form of service for our men in khaki.

The delightfully warm weather of yesterday almost led us to believe that Spring was on the way and that we should soon be freed from the rigors of winter and consequent anxiety as to the contents of the coal bin. Just as we had fooled ourself into this happy frame of mind, the personified Gloom who operates on the news desk of this newspaper announced that another frigid wave was bound east and that in Medicine Hat the mercury had dropped through the bottom of the glass. Some one is always taking the joy out of life.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE CHILDREN OF THE SUNRISE.

(To Shelley and Keats.)

Ah, some there are, who born in the morning,
Bear on their lips the silver of the dew.
Whose eyes are blinded by Day's young light flaming,
Asiant across the magic meadows, who

Dream that the colored blossoms which do crown them,
Unfadingly will press cool lips all day
To their cool foreheads. That young grass will lead them,
And Fairyland beckon, their true highway.

But Morning draws their feet down dusty highroads;
Day rains hot heat upon their crowning flowers.
While hissing Strife darts at them like an adder.
Time once so young grows old and speaks of hours!

Then must they droop, who born in the Morning—
Bear high upon their breast the jew'l of song?
How harp on fragile harps, which toiling spiders
Wove at the dawning, e'er the sun grew strong?

(Or are these but the thought, the misty spectres
Of golden harps, to be engemmed thro' strife,
Which Night and rest will give them, and the Tuner,
That great musician, whom the gods name Life?)

Ah, some there are, who born in the Morning,
Fade, as the rainbow clouds pass from her sky—
Whose mad wings, caught against destroying brambles,
Like torn butterflies, fall low and die.

Yet—yet—will come for these another sunrise
(Or so we pray, who mourn these living Dead.)
When they shall woo the glory of their daybreak,
To wear it as a crown above their head.

—Nicholas Fagan.

A BIT OF FUN

NOT QUITE PLAIN.

Customer—By mistake I left my Chinese laundry check in here this morning.

Prescription Clerk in Drug Store—That explains it.

Customer—Explains what?

Clerk—I've been trying to fill that confounded thing all morning.—Judge.

ONLY ONE LEFT.

A distinguished doctor who dabbled in literature recently published a poem. Shortly after its appearance he was conversing with a lady friend. "Well, doctor," she remarked, "so I hear you have taken to writing verse." "Oh, merely to kill time." "Indeed! Have you disposed of all your other patients?"—Vancouver Province.

IN THE FAMILY ALBUM.

Riggs (facetiously)—This is a picture of my wife's first husband.

Diggs—Silly-looking guy! But say, I didn't know your wife was married before she met you.

Riggs—She wasn't. This is a picture of myself when I was twenty-five.—Boston Transcript.

PATIENCE HAD ITS LIMIT.

Timson was naturally a patient man. He had listened as young Fudwiddle talked, had watched him squeeze Maria Timsons' hand under the tablecloth as he made havoc of the 50-cent-a-pound sirloin at the supper table, and had yawned all in vain as a hint that the time of leave taking was considerably overdue. When the young man sat himself down at the piano and began to sing, Timson muttered "Good night" gruffly, and stalked up to bed.

An hour or two later the music was still in full swing.

"Maria!" shouted Timson, from the top of the stairs, "what's all that noise about?"

"Noise, father!" said Maria, in horrified tones; "why it's Mr. Fudwiddle singing, 'I love that dear old home of mine.'"

"Oh, does he?" came from the landing. "Well, just tell him this ain't it."—Chicago Herald.

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Quebec, Feb. 20—Alfred Racine, forty, married, was found dead in the bush, five miles out of Black Lake. He was frozen stiff. His snowshoes and rifle were discovered half covered by snow, and his body was unearthed from under a drift a few feet away. He had been missing five days.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Satidday morning I had to stay in on acount of damaging the parler carpit by trying my ice skates in the house, and Puds Simkins came erround with his ice skates, wunting me to go out to the park and skate, wich I told him I coodent, Puds saying, Aw G, Benny, its swell skating, I was out yestidday and the ice is grate as long as you keep out of the ruts and dont get on the rocky parts, dont you think your mother will leeve you go if you ask her agen?

No, I sed, I jest went and looked at her before you came, and she still looked mad.

Maybe if you keep on asking her till she gets tired of saying no she will say yes, sed Puds.

She never gets tired, I sed. And jest then I had a grate ideer, saying, G, I know wat, she hasent made the beds yet, and if us 2 quick make them for her maybe she will be so pleased she will leeve me go.

Wich we started to do, ma being down in the kitchin making a cake, and we quick made my bed and then we quick made my sister Gladdises bed and then we quick made mas bed, me saying, G, ma serteny will be pleased all rite.

Maybe she will be so pleased she will give you 5 sents or sumthing besides leeving you go out, you can buy candy with it out here, sed Puds, and I sed, It wood be a good joak if she was so pleased she gave me a dime.

Wich jest then we herd ma coming up stairs and we quick crawled under the bed so it wood be more of a serprize for her and she came in, saying, Well, for mersey sakes, look at that bed, izent that terrible, wat on erth happened to it? Benny, Benny.

Mam? I sed frum under the bed.

Come out frum under there, sed ma. Wich I did, Puds following me, and ma sed, Wats the explination of this.

We made your bed for you, I sed, and we made mine and Gladdises, too.

Do you meen to stand there and tell me you did the same thing to the other beds? sed ma, and I sed, Yes mam, and ma sed, Now Ill jest have dubble werk unmaking them and making them over agen, thats all, your intentions may of bin good, but I even doubt that, the way youve bin carrying on today. And Puds went skating alone.

FIRE VICTIMS ARE BURIED

Archbishop Bruchesi Conducts Funeral Services for 53 Babies Who Perished in Flames.

Montreal, Feb. 20—Fifty-three little white caskets, each containing the body of one of the victims of the Grey Nunnery fire, were buried from the Grey Nunnery chapel this afternoon.

Archbishop Bruchesi, assisted by the Rev. Father Thibault, chaplain of the Grey Nunnery, had charge of the funeral services, which were held in the Holy Cross chapel. A choir of thirty voices—all Sisters—led the singing of the canticles of the angels in a chapel, which was half filled with ferns and flowers in which the little white caskets were almost concealed. Then when the last words were spoken, the Sisters, in eighteen carriages, rode to Cote Des Neiges cemetery as if loath to part with the little ones.

The bodies were brought to the chapel this morning and white hearses and carriages were provided to remove them later to the cemetery.

In the spring the children will be buried in the Grey Nun's community plot in Cote Des Neiges cemetery and the Sisters will erect over the common grave a monument to those who perished.

WILL KEEP SMALL STEAMERS HOME

United States Shipping Board Will Not Allow Vessels of Less Than 2,500 Tons to Go Across Ocean.

Washington, Feb. 20—The shipping board tonight directed that after February 20, no American steamer of less than 2,500 dead weight tons be permitted to clear for a transatlantic voyage or to engage in other long voyage trades.

"This ruling has been adopted," it was announced, "as a measure of conservation and economical use of tonnage, since, in the board's judgment, steamers of small tonnage are not economical and unsafe in the trades in question. Steamers so excluded will be employed in the coastwise, West Indies or other appropriate services."

FROM THE KAISER

Mexico City, Feb. 20—Emperor William's reply to President Carranza's birthday message to him of January 27 was given out officially here today. It reads:

"I am very grateful to you for your amiable telegram of felicitation on the occasion of my birthday. I send to you, Mr. President, my sincere thanks, together with my best wishes for yourself and for the prosperity of the Mexican people.

(Signed) "Weihelm, Emperor and King."

COAL STRIKE ENDS

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 20—A Drumheller despatch states that, at the request of Mayor Fulton of that town, Sir Robert Borden has issued an order that the Moody Mine be placed on the same basis, in respect to wages, as the other mines. This order automatically stops the strike.

PLEADS BABY ACT BUT IT FAILS

Draftee Said He Feared to Face His Mother If He Was in Khaki.

Toronto, Feb. 20—Pleading to be allowed to visit his mother in St. Julien, Que., and dressed in civilian clothes, Joseph St. Jean, a young French-Canadian, appeared before Magistrate Denison today in the police court charged with failing to comply with the conditions of the military service act Sobbing St. Jean admitted that he was in category A-2 and unmarried. He stated that one brother had already been drafted and if he also returned to his home in khaki it would break his mother's heart.

He was handed over to the military authorities.

HALIFAX WINDY

Halifax, Feb. 20.—A fifty-four mile gale raged here last night and this morning and some panes of glass in north end houses damaged by the explosion last December, were smashed by the wind.

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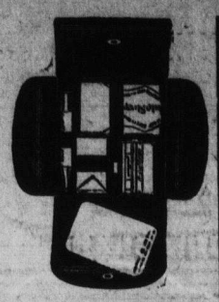

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