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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 ALLIES WELL SATISFIED.

After reading the official dispatches and the great reports from the main war theatres this morning, there is every reason to feel satisfied with the progress the Entente is making in holding the Hun. The Austrians have failed at many points in Northern Italy in their long heralded drive and although they made some progress yesterday, the gain was of little importance. The fact is that the Austrians are being well held by the Italians and their allies, and great is the disappointment in Austria. Although the army of Emperor Karl is still making a powerful effort to smash the Italian line and the fighting is not over, the drive thus far has been a flat failure. Serious unrest and a marked shortage of food in Austria are again reported in the dispatches.

The situation in France is not greatly changed, the enemy failing in his attack in the Rheims sector. There was little fighting on the western front yesterday. It is believed that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is about to launch an attack against the British and that instead of continuing the drive for Paris Field Marshal Von Ludendorff will move against the channel ports. Another defeat for the Germans is predicted, although Ludendorff will probably be allowed some terrain to leave his dead on.

An important bulletin from London announced that twenty-one German destroyers and a large number of submarines and other war craft are penned in the Bruges Canal docks as a result of British naval operations at Zeebrugge. This is excellent news.

In the United States Senate yesterday Senator Kenyon expressed the opinion that the Austrian empire should be dismembered for the benefit of the oppressed nationalities which are enslaved by it. We agree with him in the declaration that Austria-Hungary has no good reason for existing.

The redoubtable James Hamilton Lewis, United States senator from Illinois, formerly United States congressman from the State of Washington, and former Bryanite lieutenant, made a rather startling remark which interpreted seems to mean that Germany may organize the Russian army and send it over by way of Alaska, attack Canada and do something soon in the land of the Muscovites. But then the Hon. Jim has a habit of "throwing scares" occasionally. It will be some time yet before the new army comes across to seize North America.

ONE OF WAR'S BLESSINGS.

That the great war in which the Empire is engaged will carry many blessings in its train is a statement that at first may be difficult to comprehend but when one considers that the welding together of the Allied nations in the common cause against Germany is likely to produce a union that will endure and lead to the people of the countries today fight shoulder to shoulder against the Hun its meaning will be apparent.

Already there is a change in the relation between the people of the United States and those of the British Dominions, a change so marked that we find in English and American newspapers a suggestion that when the smoke of battle clears away and the world returns to a consideration of matters not connected with warfare an earnest effort shall be made to revise or rewrite the history of the English-speaking nations. The Montreal Gazette finds this suggestion good and comments on it as follows:

In both the British and American press there is demand that the history of the English-speaking world be revised or rewritten. "History is gossip," said Napoleon, "and if it be more than one hundred years old it is unbelievable." The war has brought the British and American people together by the necessities of a common cause and common destiny; and being brought together, inquiring minds have asked how it came about that there should be a certain constraint in the relations of the two great countries.

There have been many, but quite inadequate causes; but one that affected the general mind was the history taught in the schools of both countries. The American histories taught, in respect of the revolutionary war and the war of 1812, that all the motives and policies and personalities on the side of the British were wrong and wicked, while all the personalities who strutted on the revolutionary stage from the American point of view were heroes.

Before the war there was more than a suspicion that history was wrong on both sides. On the one hand it was found that many of the revolutionary heroes were little better than mercenary scoundrels.

On the other, there were noble motives, but bad policies. In a word, when you got rid of the flamboyant heroes you were left with the age human nature, somewhat selfish, wedded to principles maintained by obstinacy, which destroyed a unity it has taken this colossal struggle to cement.

And now that the States and England are one in purpose, fighting side by side for the greatest stake that ever engaged the human mind and effort, the demand is made that the young generations shall no longer have their minds poisoned with misleading history which has the effect of separating two peoples who by heredity and tongue and religion are really one. The effects likely to be produced by such revision will be incalculable, for upon history character is moulded. This is the irony, that history, pretending to be final, is partisan and narrow and intemperate, and is written from a political standpoint. Froude's history of England, as has been said, was a literary masterpiece, but all lies. It argues well for the world that England and America have joined hands in a common cause. It now remains that the histories of the two countries shall be rewritten as to give to the generous youth of the coming years, just views of the events which have shaped national destiny—views which will deepen the friendship now so strongly cemented by the exigencies of the world-struggle in which the two countries take commanding and decisive part.

The Standard agrees with the Gazette's view. Those who have read history from the text-books provided in the primary schools of the United States and compared it with the Canadian text-books on the same subject will agree with the statement that while the text-books used in the United States deal fairly with the histories of practically all the nations of the world the stories of events in which Great Britain and the United States figured were evidently designed to suit a frame of mind which, at that time, was not particularly favorable to England or the English. The time for that sort of thing has passed. The war of the Revolution and the "days of '76" may be observed in future as an occasion of commemorating the memory of those who perished, or the formation of the great Republic to the South of us, but that children of the United States should continue to be taught to regard Great Britain as a grasping, overbearing and intolerant monster is not in tune with the spirit of the present time. If there were errors in the past, they have been washed out in British and American blood flowing together in France and Flanders and the result should be a new and happier understanding. If the revision or rewriting of the history of the English-speaking world will help to make that understanding endure, then it is a task that cannot be undertaken too soon.

CANADIANS IN AIR SERVICE.

"The eyes of the Allied forces were Canadian," comments a British war correspondent in a despatch to the London Daily News and Leader, describing a recent operation on the western front. Of late there have been many such references to the airmen of Canada. Some time ago the London Times intimated that there was a movement on foot to organize a Canadian aviation department and in a cable to Canada a correspondent speaks of the "considerable proportion" of Canadian airmen in the British service.

One of the most significant comments on the distinguished part Canada is playing in the war in the air is found in The Field, the noted British authority on sports. That publication says:

"A curious fact in connection with the Royal Air Force in France is the high proportion of Canadian pilots. We have been given various estimates on this point and all agree that the percentage is very much greater than the relative proportion of Canadians to other Britishers in arms. Our splendid Australians have their own division, but even so they must give pride of place to the men across the Atlantic in point of numbers."

"One wonders what it is that has given the Canadians this natural aptitude for flying. It amounts to that because there is no lack of candidates from among the British and colonial forces, and those who now sport the double wings have had to prove that not merely can they handle an airplane deftly, but demonstrate that special 'dash' for air work without which the pilot of today is certain to be visited by early disaster."

To Canadians it is another source of pride to know that their young citizens are making such a name for themselves in the most thrilling and most adventurous branch of military service. When the war is over and the

knowledge gained in warfare is devoted to the arts of peace Canada should be in a position to maintain her lead in the matter of rapid transport by aerial conveyance.

REGISTRATION WEEK.

This is registration week and already, judging from reports received, the work is well under way. One matter of importance to which the attention of all should be directed concerns the questions on the registration cards dealing with one's adaptability for, or experience in, farm work. It is most important that these questions shall be answered fully and that deputy registrars exercise particular care to get all information that may help in the mobilization of the man and woman power of Canada for the best effort in the prosecution of this war.

The call for men from France and Flanders is insistent and while the heavy fighting of the past few weeks has resulted in satisfactory successes for the Allies yet the toll of men involved in stemming the German rush was heavy. Canadian troops did not suffer as much as others in the Allied line for our men were not participants in the most recent heavy fighting. This, however, does not lessen the need for more Canadian soldiers, rather it emphasizes it for losses in other units mean that they must be replenished from those who escaped more fortunately. Canada must supply more soldiers to reinforce the divisions already fighting in France and every man taken from this country leaves a vacancy to be filled by another unit for military service. Many such vacancies will occur on the farms of the country and it may be necessary to call on all who have had experience in farming, but who are temporarily engaged in other lines, to return to the land for a time in order to assist in the production of the crop. The food situation is still acute and every pound of food stuffs Canada can raise during the present summer will be urgently required. It is because of this that the questions on the registration card relating to experience in farm work are of particular importance.

AN APPEAL FOR AID

June 18, 1918.
To the Editor of The Standard:
Sir:—The following letter has been received by the secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, St. John Branch, for assistance for an original 26th man. The Sussex branch, which is small, is not in a position financially to assist to any great amount and therefore appeals to St. John comrades.
Dear Sir and Comrades:—I would like to ask you as chairman of the benevolent branch of your work to try and assist the following case of Pte. J. W. Roberts, C. Co., 26th Batt., N. B. No. 69523, now residing at Chipman. This comrade was burnt out on June 11th, his house being struck by lightning and everything he possessed was lost, the family merely escaping in their night attire only. This comrade is suffering from five nasty wounds and is unable to carry on any work. His pension amounts to \$12.50 per month. It would be a great act of mercy if something could be done in this case to assist him. Any questions asked will be freely answered. I have been requested to ask you as a member of the Sussex Branch of the G. W. V. A. Trusting to your ever willing assistance to any comrade and knowing you will interest yourself in this case.
I remain, yours truly,
S. A. BRIDGES.
Sussex Branch G. W. V. A., Chipman, N. B.

Any donations from members of the 26th or friends can be made to Mrs. Tiltonson, York House, Sydney street, or to Secretary Paddy, G. W. V. A., St. John, and these will be forwarded to Major G. Kinnear, President of Sussex Branch, G. W. V. A., who will see them to the man concerned.

Any donation from N. C. O.'s and men, no matter how small, will be gladly accepted. Trusting to be soon in a position to help our comrade over association will donate \$15 as a start to the fund.
E. J. PUDDY, Secretary.

A BIT OF VERSE

CLEAR AND COOL.

Clear and cool, clear and cool,
By laughing shallow, and dreaming pool;
Cool and clear, cool and clear,
By shining shingle, and foaming weir;
Under the eave where theousel sings,
And the livid wall where the church bell rings,
Undeified, for the undeified;
Play by me, bathe in me, mother and child.

Dank and foul, dank and foul,
By the smoky town in its murky cowl;
Foul and dank, foul and dank,
By wharf and sewer and slimy bank;
Darker and darker the farther I go,
Baser and baser the richer I grow;
Who dare sport with the snide-defiled?
Shrink from me, turn from me, mother and child.

Strong and free, strong and free,
The locusts are open, away to the sea.
Free and strong, free and strong,
Cleansing my streams as I hurry along.
To the golden stands and the leaping bar,
And the faintest tide that awaits me afar.

As I lose myself in the infinite main,
Like a soul that has sinned and is pardoned again.
Undeified, for the undeified;
Play by me, bathe in me, mother and child.

—Charles Kingsley.

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Ma was looking at the paper today with a frown on her face as if she didn't know whether she was enjoying it or not, and pop looked over her shoulder, saying, "Well, yee gods and little pitchers, if she's not reading the sporting page. Wat are you doing, mother, trying to make a noise like a baseball fan?"

I suppose just because I don't go around talking about it all the time the way you do, you think I don't know anything about baseball, I suppose?"

No, I don't say that, sed pop, all I say is that if everything you don't know about base ball was put in a book, it would take 53 volumes and 6000 diagrams.

My goodness, you're so funny it's a wonder the joak papers don't all rite to you for information, sed ma.

O, well, sed pop, perhaps in doing you an injustice. As the kaiser says, no man should be declared guilty until its proven that there's not a drop of German blood in his veins, and if you really know how a game of base ball is played, now's your chance to describe it.

Seriously I know how its played, and the more I read about it the more I wonder how full grown men can wait their time talking about it, sed ma.

Brave, that's a fine interjection, and now for a description of a game in terrier but elegant English, sed pop.

Well, sed ma, there are 4 men on bases.

Wat, already. Holey smoke, haven't you skipped sumthing? sed pop.

You don't want me to go into every little detail, do you? sed ma.

It would be a shame to turn you loose among the poor little ones.

And then the man on first base makes a home run, sed ma.

I guess me wife I go out and get a little air, sed pop. And pop went down stairs and took his hat off of the hall rack and went out, and ma sed, I guess that showed him weather I know anything about baseball or not.

Wich I guess it did.

A BIT OF FUN

A Proviso.

Edith—I like a man with lots of go, don't you?

Edith—if he takes me along.

Rich.

"Very. They even keep their hired girl by paying her as much as a munition factory offered."

What Happens.

"Would you say that 'once a newspaper man always a newspaper man'?"

"Not exactly. But I would say that I've noticed that if ever a man has once worked for a couple of weeks for a newspaper he never gets over telling about the time he did reportorial work himself."

Fashion Forbids.

Mr. Berks—"I am not afraid that my daughter will ever marry in haste."

Mr. Cowler—"Why not?"

Mr. Berks—"It will take at least six months to prepare any tressouer she would consider fit to marry in!"

Identity Discs.

He was one of a new draft, just out from England, and was finding life very strange and novel. Questioning one of the old timers, he asked:

"Why do we have to wear two identity discs?"

With an air of nonchalance the hardened soldier replied:

"They take one when you're napped and the other one is left on to identify you by when you're dug up a year or later, to see if you're properly shaved and have your iron ration with you."

The Raw Recruit.

Sentry—Who goes there?

Recruit—Me. But I ain't goin'; I'm comin'—Boston Transcript.

Incontestable Evidence.

"I can marry any woman I please."

"Then I conclude you haven't pleased any yet."—Vancouver Province.

No Use for It.

Agent—This vacuum bottle will keep anything hot or cold for 72 hours.

Mr. Tippet—"Don't want it. If I have anything worth drinking I don't want to keep it 72 hours."—Vancouver Province.

TROELSTRA BARRED

London, June 18.—Pietter Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, who, after a conference with Philip Schildemann, leader of the German Socialists party, intended to go to London to attend the annual conference of the British Labor congress will not be permitted to enter England, according to the London Standard.

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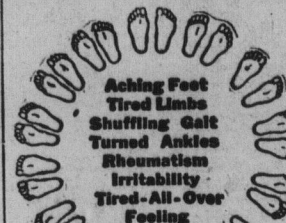
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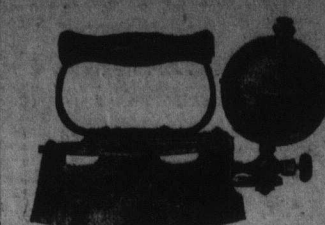
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