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GETTING NEARER.

Field Marshal Haig is steadily fighting his way to St. Quentin. Another advance was scored last night, when the Malaisie Farm, a strong German position, was captured. Galt, too, in the Lempiere-Egby sector have brought the British more than a mile ahead there.

News, taken by the Germans in a counter-attack when their defence stiffened at the Hindenburg line, is once more in possession of the British.

To the south the French are doing great work. The going is hard but they are advancing with dogged will, fighting foot by foot across the Malmaison Plateau. Once in command there, the capture of the famous Chemin des Dames, Laon and the St. Gobain Massif will be appreciably nearer, but much hard fighting is yet ahead.

American cannon are trained upon the German stronghold of Metz. On that part of the line the Americans have scored signal success and it must have been a distressing admission for the German high command to make after the Hun campaign of belittlement of the American effort.

The war in the Balkans progresses in the Allies' favor and there is early noticeable a swinging of sentiment among the people. A serious agitation in Roumania for re-entry of that nation into the war on the side of the Entente is giving Germany concern, so much so that General Mackensen has been sent there in an effort to subdue the feeling which is rising against Germany.

MORE ANSWERS

"We will fight until the hour when the enemy comes to understand that bargaining between crime and right is no longer possible." These words from a speech by Premier Clemenceau are France's reply to the enemy bid for peace. Belgium holds firmly to its programme as outlined in a note to the Pope in last December and declares the new proposals "cannot be taken as a basis for any serious discussion."

And so it is in every one of the Allied nations. The Germans would very willingly end the war now but cannot unless on Allied terms. Talk of capitulating is idle. There is no bargaining possible. The Allies have plainly told Germany what she must do if she would withdraw from a contest that she finds she cannot bring to a victorious conclusion. Till she is ready to accept the Allied dictum the war will go on.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

Dr. Roche, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, announced that the entire classification of inside and outside service will be submitted to the government-in-council for approval prior to the sanction of parliament at its next session.

Experience, Dr. Roche promised, would enter into future appointments more than in the past, when examination marks had frequently decided the matter. Referring to technical positions, the chairman said that while in the past many qualified civil servants had been secured through recommendation, a large number were smuggled in to the service through the "otherwise peculiar" clause of Section 2. The commission had adopted the plan of appointing a committee of experts along the lines of the duties required to be filled, one of the men representing the department concerned. He made it clear that the commission would not make promotions without the recommendation of deputy heads of departments.

These statements were made at a meeting in Ottawa at which civil servants filled the audience hall of Victoria Museum to capacity to hear in what manner the reclassification of the service required by the new act was being carried out.

On the salary question, Mr. Clarence Jameson, a member of the commission, said, "I think a great number of the civil servants are underpaid. For years it has been almost impossible to do justice in any sense to the service because the reorganization contemplated in 1908 never was put into proper effect. Now these men who are classifying the service for us are going to make an honest effort to put this salary qualification on a proper basis."

It is evident that a serious effort is being made to improve the conditions under which entrance to the civil service is obtained and under which appointees carry on their work. All of which is in line with the times.

Her eight sons in khaki is the proud record of Mrs. John Jowsey of Aylmer, Quebec, and it is believed to be unsurpassed in Canada's participation in the war. At Pemberton one of them gave his life. In Ottawa this week, at the residence of the Prime Minister, Lady Borden presented to the mother a mahogany clock, the gift of Laurentian Chapter, Daughters of The Empire, in recognition of this family's outstanding patriotism.

Further evidence that the American nation is wholeheartedly with President Wilson in the war is found in the action of the American Institute of Banking in convention in Denver. The members pledged the untiring and unlimited support of those holding the second line trenches—the benches of finance—to the soldiers battling the Hun.

Allied bombing of German towns is proving very effective. Late reports say that residents of Coblenz, Cologne and other places are fleeing to Holland. Retribution has come to the splinters of the Lusitania crime and the killing of non-combatants in France and England and Italy.

"The reason for off readiness for peace is not a consciousness of weakness, but a sober recognition of the fact that endless prolongation of the war must lead to a collapse of European kultur," says the Saxon foreign minister, D'Erckstadt. That's a poor card to play.

Labor's action at last night's meeting gives the police union matter a new phase with further developments expected very soon.

Training For The New Citizenship

That the spirit of democracy will be stronger than ever after the war is being coming more apparent every day. One's country is to be a huge co-operative enterprise, and every partner is to receive and to give the finest service. The idea of fitting the soldier to take his place as an effective citizen in peace times is entirely new to the world and is one of the many benefits which fighting against Hunnish frightfulness has conferred on the whole world. Good citizenship has come to be recognized as a priceless heritage for which one must prepare and for which one must keep worthy. An education in this realization is the establishment of the Khaki University. Originally intended for Canadian soldiers overseas, it has been adopted for Australian troops, and now a still greater outgrowth appears in the step taken by the British government.

Sir Henry Hadow, principal of Armstrong College, Newcastle, has been made director of education on the lines of communication in France. His own college council has granted leave of absence to Sir Henry for the duration of the war and through the period of demobilization. Training in citizenship will be his work, and he begins at once. Lectures and classes are already organized behind the front, the leaders being chosen by the men themselves, as a rule. The courses are modelled on those of the Khaki University.

There are several special funds devoted to this business of converting the discharged soldier into a dynamic citizen, notably among them the Kitchener Memorial Fund. The University of Toronto, the Board of Education, the Department of Education, the Ministry of Labor are all co-operating along this line and have organized a department to train and place men and officers in civil life after the war. Local educational authorities are asked to give vocational training to disabled men and, in some instances, grants have been made for this purpose. The great dangers which seem to threaten this scheme for citizenship training are that schemes will be too general and leave the individual man untouched, except in theoretical training and that folks at home will not become sufficiently interested to co-operate efficiently with the military authorities.

SPRAINS AND BURNS AND GLORY

Every one who is interested in winning the war knows perfectly well the magnificent manner in which women filled the ranks vacated by men who have gone overseas. Every one is familiar with the fact that more work has been turned out by the women workers than by their predecessors and every one knows the uniform excellence of this output. But an interesting side-light is cast on this inspiring record by the report of the committee appointed to make a study of the health of munition workers.

Investigation into the factors concerned in causing industrial accidents shows that women suffer twice as frequently as men from sprains and that in the few factory women are peculiarly liable to wrist sprain because of the strength required to push the heavy levers on the lathe. In shell factories the women suffer from burns almost four times more frequently than men and these are chiefly from hot metal turnings. Both sprains and burns could be reduced in number by altering the machinery or protecting the hands. Evidently sprains and burns are accepted as necessary evils and are not made the excuse for abandoning the work. Women substitutes put pluckiness and grit to demonstration into their patriotism, two things that are not often counted to their credit by women in sheltered lands.

BUSINESS EXPERT WILL COME TO ST. JOHN

Frank W. Stockdale, of Chicago, commercial efficiency expert of international fame, is being brought to St. John under the auspices of the local branch of the Retail Merchants' Association. J. W. Greist, manager for Mr. Stockdale, addressed a meeting of the association and other business men of the city in the board of trade rooms last evening. Both wholesalers and retailers offered to contribute towards financing the campaign.

Sir Edward Kemp, Canadian Overseas Minister of Militia—"Among all ranks of the Canadian army in France I found the greatest optimism over the result of the recent operations."

LIGHTER VEIN

Too Many Names.

A woman entered a Chicago savings bank and placed \$30 in front of the teller. He pushed out the book for her signature and said, "Sign on this line."

"My whole name?"

"Before I was married?"

"No; just as it is now."

"An' my husband's name, too? Why, the man has been dead seven years."

"You should sign your name Mrs. followed by your husband's name, Mrs. your Christian name, and then your husband's name, or Mrs. and your husband's full name, or you might simply sign your Christian name and your husband's surname. Write it as you are in the habit of signing it."

"Oh, but I can't write."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

The Merry Milkmaid.

A milk dealer in New York was consulted in his early days by a friend in the milk trade.

"I've been roped in for two tickets to a masquerade ball," the friend grumbled, "but I don't think I'll go."

"Why not?" asked the dealer.

"Oh, such things aren't in my line," said the friend. "A milkman at a fancy dress ball?—no, no—most inappropriate."

"Inappropriate nothing," said the dealer. "Put on a pair of pumps, man, and go as a waterfall."—Washington Star.

Green and Mistrustful.

Thomas W. Lawson said in a Boston lecture:

"The green speculator is apt to be more suspicious and mistrustful than the seasoned one. Green speculators by their actions often remind me of the farmer who went to the Boston Maine station, put down a \$20 bill and said to the ticket agent:

"Round trip to Washington, young fellow?"

"Here you are," said the agent.

"Change at New York."

"No you don't, young fellow," snarled the farmer. "I'll take my change right here."—Washington Star.

Couldn't Be Too Soon.

(From The New York Telegraph.)

Busien Paul Perez, formerly well known to the screen, is back after another trip to Europe with a brand new seashell story. An amateur navigator making his first trip across the Atlantic and the first day out he was in the throes of the mal-de-mer and mer extant when the ship surgeon visited him in his state room.

"What's the matter?" was the latter's caustic query.

"O-o-o-o!" was the only response as the young party man rolled over in agony.

"Come, get up," derided the surgeon, grinning unfeelingly. "The ship's been submerged and will sink in ten minutes."

"Ten minutes?" the sick man protested feebly. "Can't you make it any sooner?"

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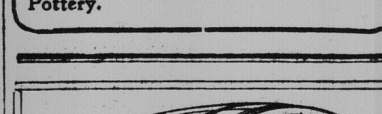
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Denver, Col., Sept. 20.—Other nations probably will owe the United States nearly \$9,000,000,000 at the end of the war if it should come about a year hence, John E. Rovensky of New York told the bankers assembled here in the national convocation of the American Institute of Bankers. Mr. Rovensky is vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce of New York.

The world now owes the United States about \$5,765,000,000, Mr. Rovensky said, and he estimated that this would be increased within a year by about \$3,000,000,000.

"By the time the war is over," said Mr. Rovensky, "America will be one of the leading creditor nations of the world, a financial center from which a large part of the world's economic forces will be directed; where the debts and credits of the world's trade will to a large extent be cast up and he settled."

"World banking on a scale heretofore undreamed of will be the order of the day. The scale of financial and economic supremacy that has been traveling westward since the dawn of civilization and that now rests over London, will again move onward in its course and cross the Atlantic. In contemplating this picture there spreads before our eyes a vista of a world of boundless opportunities which awaits young American bankers of the present generation."

Mr. Rovensky reached these conclusions by an interesting analysis of the international financial position of the United States. He said that when the war began the United States' net debt to the world was about \$3,500,000,000. The United States paid annually to foreign countries a net amount of \$900,000,000 in interest on our debt, freight charges, remittances to foreign laborers, expenditures of American tourists, insurance premiums and sundry items.

After the beginning of the war the United States repaid its debt to foreign countries very rapidly by purchasing American securities held abroad. "It is probable that our net debt to foreign countries was practically extinguished about two years ago," declared Mr. Rovensky.

During the war, up to July 1, 1918, the United States exported merchandise in excess of its imports to the extent of about \$10,000,000,000. In return the United States arranged to lend its Allies

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