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TRAFALGAR DAY

This is the anniversary of Trafalgar. The glory of Nelson shines the brighter that the British navy which he made supreme is still the guardian of human liberty and has made Allied victory in the present war possible. The spirit that animated Nelson animates every man in the fleet, from the youngest boy to the admiral. There have been but few naval battles in this war, but that is because of the supremacy of the British navy, which chased the enemy (submarines excepted) off the sea. The world knows that but for Britain's navy and mercantile marine the war would have been lost. To the great feat of rendering the German navy useless was added the transportation of millions of men and constant supplies for armies and civilians, making possible the military victory which now crowns the arms of the Allies.

What it has meant to the world to have Britain supreme at sea we know today far better than ever before. Realizing as never before the value of the navy and the mercantile marine, it is not surprising that the Navy League grows in numbers and there is more and more interest in the welfare of the men of the navy and their dependents. It is natural that in British countries today parents and teachers should talk to the children about Britain's sea-power, and what it has meant for civilization. It is a thrilling and wonderful story, in which stand out heroic figures, worthy to rank with the bravest and best of all nations and of all time.

But the Canadian people have a new and special reason for their interest in both the navy and the mercantile marine. This country is to have a vast and growing commerce by sea, and must have a naval service of its own as well as a mercantile marine. The government has embarked upon a shipbuilding policy. The ships of Canada should carry an ever increasing share of Canada's commerce. More and more of her young men will be looking seaward when they choose their avocation. With such a stretch of seaboard on both sides of the continent, and the great trade routes of the world open, there is no limit to what Canada may accomplish in building and manning ships and sailing them in profitable commerce to all parts of the world. With the traditions of the British navy to inspire them it would be strange indeed if Canadians halted on the threshold of this great national adventure.

THE WAR SITUATION.

While Germany is said to be preparing to deny that she is responsible for any outrages, or that any have been committed, the reports from Lille and Donai show that not only is the policy of wanton destruction and pillage still carried out by German armies before they retreat, but that outrages upon women have not yet ceased. It is useless for Germany to make denial. If she had been victorious she could have pursued that course with impunity, but now there must be a reckoning. Every new revelation of German savagery is another reason for fighting on until the enemy consents to unconditional surrender.

The triumphant advance of the Allies in Belgium and France continues. The Germans are forced to abandon great quantities of material and many prisoners are taken. It is reported that 15,000 had to cross the border into Holland, where they are interned.

The news from the western front is evidently having its effect in Berlin. The militarist party would have liked to send a short and sharp reply to President Wilson, but there is so much difference of opinion in the Reichstag that the sending of the reply is delayed while its wording is subjected to careful scrutiny. The policy of unconditional surrender is a very bitter pill to swallow, and may not yet be approved, but Austria and Turkey will not wait long. They realize more and more the futility of trying to uphold Germany, and if the latter does not give a satisfactory answer to President Wilson we may be certain that Vienna and Constantinople will be heard from in a manner not at all to the liking of the power that duped and used them in its effort to dominate the world.

For the third time merchants near the head of King street had their stores entered from the back. Three were visited last night, with not much success, and one on Charlotte street was plundered from the front. No large amount of booty was secured, but there is nobody in jail for the offence. Are more policemen needed?

It is said that Major-General Lipsitt, who went to France with the First Canadian Division, should now, near the end of the war, fall a victim to a German sniper. The war has taken heavy toll of Canadian officers, because they were brave men who never shirked their duty.

Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, Admirals Beatty and Jellicoe and Sir Douglas Haig, on this Trafalgar Day, pay glowing tributes to the work of the British navy and mercantile marine.

A COMMON OBLIGATION

"How much would the Kaiser tax your business?"

This is the striking query at the head of an appeal by a Halifax business house in its advertising space in the Maritime Merchant, advocating the purchase of Victory Bonds. It asks each business man to put to himself this other question:—

"If we should fail to win this war, what would happen to my business?"

The answer is given in the form of still other questions, as follows:—

"What is left of business in the invaded districts of France and Belgium? What will be left of business here, if we fail to crush the sinister power of Prussian militarism? How much would you have left after paying the taxes and levies imposed by a victorious Germany?"

The alternative is tersely and forcibly put as follows:—

"Defend yourself with Victory Bonds. This is not only a war for democracy and liberty, but a war for self-defence. Germany menaces our rights, our self-respect, our homes, and our means of livelihood. Every citizen—every business man—has weapons of defence ready to his hand. These weapons are Victory Bonds. We cannot all fight with guns and bayonets, but we can all fight with Victory Bonds."

Another firm in the same issue points out that in buying Victory Bonds "we will be helping to bring the war to an early and happy closing, keeping Canadian industries prosperous, and strengthening Canada for the period after the war."

Canada needs \$500,000,000. The people can lend it at 3½ per cent. interest. It is not only patriotism but good business. It is keeping faith with the men at the front, helping Canada, and lending money profitably on the best security that could possibly be secured.

The Belgians are now at the Dutch frontier, and in full command of their coast. They are steadily driving the enemy before them. The Germans little thought when they were hacking their way through Belgium in 1914 that in 1918 they would be fleeing homeward with a Belgian army hard at their heels. King Albert must experience a daily satisfaction as he rides forward to receive a joyous welcome from the delivered remnant of his people.

Boston has re-opened its churches, theatres and other places of assembly after these being closed nearly three weeks on account of influenza. The epidemic there is now said to be under control. In St. John we must be patient for some time yet. We are fortunate that the disease here is not of the virulent type.

Allied forces are within ten miles of Ghent. The enemy continues to retreat but is not able to get away his heavy guns and material. One report says the German high command thinks it would take a considerable time to evacuate Belgium. Not at the present rate of progress. Foch has got the habit of speeding up a movement of that sort.

The rounding up of Bolsheviks in Toronto is in line with a policy that should be made national in Canada. We want none of that element in this country. They came here for freedom, and if they abuse it they must take the consequences.

Count Karolyi told the Hungarian parliament on Saturday that the war was lost and that there would have been no war if the proposal of England had been accepted. The truth will gradually get down to the people, and Germany will be fully exposed.

The Germans were teaching the little children of Ostend the German language. They expected to stay there. Hereafter they will not be welcomed, even as tourists. Where will a German find friends after this war? Long years must pass before the world can forget.

Not only in Lille and Donai but in Roubaix and Tournai the retreating Huns looted and destroyed whatever they could before taking to their heels. There can be no peace by negotiation with such a people.

Even Denmark is waking up. She is said to have sent a note to Germany suggesting that certain terms of the treaties of 1866 to 1870 be carried out. More "scraps of paper."

Prussia thought the Schleswig-Holstein matter had been settled prior to 1870, when she matched those provinces from Denmark. It may, however, have a place at the Allied conference which draws the new map of Europe.

There is now a powerful Greek army ready to take the field, preferably against the Turk. That will be another reason for objection on the part of Turkey to the continuance of the war.

The withdrawal of the Germans from the Belgian front helps to cripple their air-raid service as well as their submarine piracy.

The Allied troops in Serbia are steadily advancing toward the Austrian border.

ADMIRALS ALL

Effingham, Grenville, Raleigh, Drake, Here's to the bold and free,
Blenbow, Collingwood, Byron, Blake,
Hall to the Kings of the Sea,
Admirals all, for England's sake,
Honor be yours and fame,
And honor, as long as waves shall break,
To Nelson's peerless name.

Essex was fretting in Cadiz Bay
With the gallions laid in sight,
Howard at last must give him his way,
And the word was passed to fight,
Never was schoolboy gayer than he,
Since holidays first began;
He tossed his bonnet to wind and sea,
And under the guns he ran.

Drake nor devil nor Spanish feared,
Their cities he put to sack;
He sang his Catholic Majesty's beard
And harried his ships to wreck.
He was playing at Plymouth a rubber of bowls
When the great Armada came;
But he said "They must wait their turn, good soles!"
And he stooped—and finished the game.

Fifteen sail were the Dutchmen bold,
Duncan he had but two;
But he anchored them fast where the Texel shoaled
And his colors aloft he flew.
"I've taken the depth to a fathom," he cried,
"And I'll sink with a right good will,
For I know when we're all of us under the tide,
My flag will be fluttering still."

Splinters were flying above, below,
When Nelson sailed the Sound;
"Mark you, I wouldn't be elsewhere now,"
Said he, "for a thousand pound."
The Admirals signal bade him fly;
But he wickedly wagged his head,
He clapped the glass to his sightless eye
And—"I'm damned if I see it," he said.

Admirals all, they said their say
"The echoes are ringing still!"
Admirals all, they went their way
To the haven under the hill,
But they left us a kingdom none can take,
The realm of the circling sea,
To be ruled by the rightful sons of Blake
And the Rodneys yet to be.

Admirals all for England's sake,
Honor be yours and fame,
And honor, as long as waves shall break,
To Nelson's peerless name.

—NEWBOLT.

LIGHTER VEIN

Sunday School Teacher—"And what reward was Joseph given for saving the Egyptians from starvation?"
Smart Boy—"Please, miss, he was made food controller."

At a recent dinner U. S. Postmaster-General Burleson was commenting on the effects of the three-cent postage. "In addition to the increase in revenue, which was badly needed, the innovation has been a positive boon to many," he declared and explained thus:—"You seem very happy?" I remarked to the lady of my acquaintance. "I am," she replied. "Has Fred been paying you more attention lately?" I ventured. "Not exactly," she explained, "but since this three-cent postage came in he has stopped writing to a lot of girls out of town."

And Still Go!

The square of a certain town in the north was located about a mile from the railway station. A negro named George had a boot-blacking stand near the square. One day, while George was at work, a man came up and began to quarrel with his customer. After some heated words, one of the men drew a revolver and fired at the other.

Several weeks later, when the case came up for trial, George was the star witness. "Now George," said the attorney, "describe just how this shooting took place."

"Yes, boss," said the negro, "I was standing there with my boot-blacking stand, and the man came up and began to quarrel with his customer. After some heated words, one of the men drew a revolver and fired at the other."

"Well, yob Honah, when he fired at first shot, I was shinin' de gen'man's shoes, and when he fired de second shot, suh, I was passin' de deppo."

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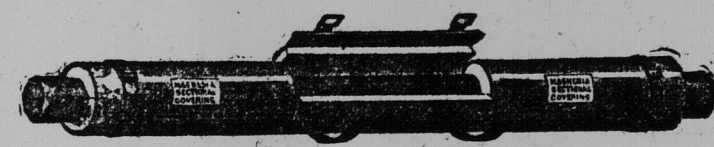
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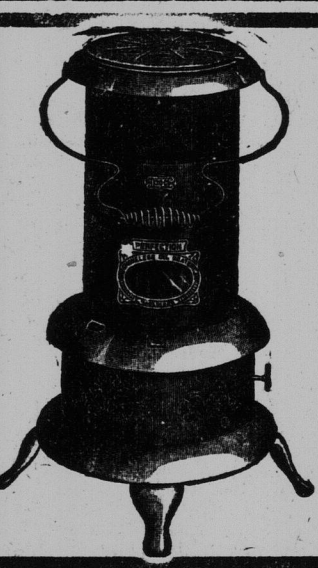


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the inducements of outdoor activities, and when accomplished, a permanent home and occupation to thousands. Secretary Lane calls attention to the vastly improved terms of his plan over that of the early homestead days. Then the homesteader was also a pioneer, who started with almost nothing in the way of buildings, farm machinery, and stock. The nearest post office was often a day's journey distant; the life was hard and isolated. Progress was slow for want of money. The more abundant the crops, the less the price per bushel. There are still those living who remember the days when the expense of hauling a load of grain to the nearest market equaled every dollar the grain sold for. Papers and magazines were almost unknown; the settler's life was hard in the extreme, and in some places in actual jeopardy. Under the proposed plan all this is to be reversed. The government would finance and engineer the reclamation; would build roads and farm buildings; would equip with necessary machinery and stock; would establish rural delivery. Where the pioneer did everything by the hardest work, scientific farming would reduce manual labor to a minimum; where he had to wait several years to more from his sod but into something

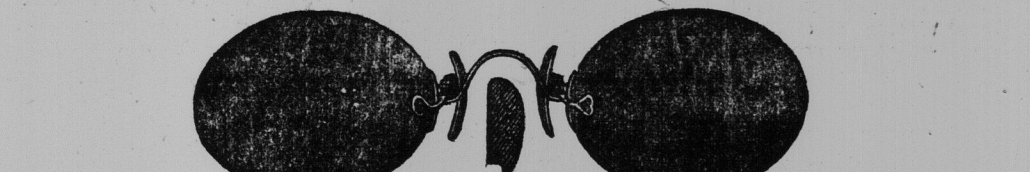
better, under the new plan the settler would commence with every essential to comfort and success. With these new districts fully settled as fast as developed, and with automobiles, the buyer of these reclaimed lands would be anything but isolated or remote. New towns would spring up to supply stores, and with so large a percentage of young people, conditions will be ideal. The above plan is an expansion of one already used with success in some other countries. Nobody is to receive something for nothing. The government would use the returned soldier and pay him, as fast as one reclaimed section was completed and ready for occupancy, farms would be sold on easy-payment plans, the payments extended over a very long term of years if necessary. With their natural enterprise, the large portion of buyers would work out of debt in a few years. While the actual work of reclamation would not be undertaken during the war, the details of the plan should be, so that, immediately on return to civilian life, those who desired to go into the reclamation work could do so. To accomplish this, Secretary Lane is asking Congress for a few hundreds of thousands of dollars. Seidman has a more deserving appropriation been requested.

WILL NOT PURCHASE TRAPPIST MONASTERY.

The federal government has decided not to purchase the monastery of the Trappist Monks at Tracadie for the purpose of a convalescent home and vocational institution for returned soldiers. Some weeks ago Hon. Albert Seigney, former minister in the Borden government, visited the monastery and it is said during his visit made a deal for the purchase of the farm. It was his intention, it is said, to re-sell the property to the government. The property consists of 2,000 acres and is one of the finest equipped places of its kind in eastern Canada.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED.

Helen Miller, a six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Miller of East Bathurst, was instantly killed last Thursday afternoon by a shot fired by a little fellow who, with her brother, was firing at some targets. The little girl was struck in the breast and instantly killed.



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