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## STILL WAITING

Last evening the city seized upon a rumor that Von Kluck, almost surrounded, had offered to surrender unconditionally. This morning an official report from Paris said nothing about surrender but intimated that Von Kluck was in full retreat. Neither the British or French official bureau would confirm this, though if it were true a confirmation would have been probable at least.

This "news," in fact, seems to have been merely rumor based upon expectation which may presently be justified. The great flanking movement which had undoubtedly imperilled the armies of Von Kluck and Von Bülow is thought to have reached a point which makes it necessary for the German right wing to fall back precipitately if it would avoid being enveloped; but while the world is expectantly waiting for news that this movement of the Allies has been successful, the official word has not yet come.

Yet there is good reason to hope that it will come, and soon. Such news as the censor has permitted to come from the battle front has told of slow but steady gains by the Allies, who at last seem to have numbers sufficient not only to hold the great German weight but to press it back along the main line, while another force advancing against the flank and rear of the German right seeks to turn the day. There can be no doubt that the British and French are making the supreme effort of the campaign now, and the great battle has been so long and so fiercely contested that the limit of human endurance alone would suggest that the end must be at hand.

While the world waits for news from the great battle in France, Russia drives on toward Berlin from the eastward, and the time occupied by the fighting in France means that the Germans, even if they presently take up a new position some miles behind the present one, must fight there haunted by the knowledge that the Russians are daily gaining ground from which all the forces at Germany's command will not be sufficient to eject them.

Foreign observers are beginning to predict some new movement at sea. There is increasing talk of an attempt upon the British fleet by the German Zeppelins. Talk of the siege of Antwerp seems not to make a serious impression, as it is thought the Germans cannot spare men enough from France to undertake so serious an operation as the reduction of the great Belgian fortress.

## CANADA'S BUSINESS DUTY

"This is a re-adjustment of the affairs of Canada, and was inevitable with or without any war. (Applause). And in the re-adjustment that is taking place let us play the part of men. If we have been foolish and entered into engagements that we cannot meet, let us take our punishment, no matter how bitter it is, and let us start over again—to learn that honest labor is the only basis on which we have any right to expect success. (Applause). We need all our resources to take care of one another. Whether with or without war we have a great number of people in the cities and big towns who are idle who will need help. Let us be careful, manufacturers, that we do not add to the list unduly by dismissing people who have been with us for many years."

The sentences are taken from a noteworthy address delivered before the Canadian Club of Toronto on September 21 by Mr. J. W. Flavelle. Mr. Flavelle, one of Canada's leading business men, explained to his audience how wonderfully Great Britain met the greatest financial crisis in history. In speaking of the measures taken by the British government through the Chancellor of the Exchequer after consultation with leading British financial authorities, Mr. Flavelle said that the government's course at the crisis "placed not only Great Britain, but all the world under a debt of obligation to the Treasury Department of Great Britain on account of the manner in which the finances of Great Britain were re-organized and re-established, and through Great Britain, the facilities for carrying on the business of the world were reasonably set in motion."

Mr. Flavelle declared stoutly against a moratorium in this country. He wanted no discussion of a moratorium. He reminded them that Canada is a debtor nation while everybody owes Great Britain. Canada's business, he said, was to preserve its public credit "by every man of us standing by and presenting a face that we can meet every obligation if we only behave ourselves decently." Mr. Flavelle thought the Canadian banks had been doing very well for the country, and that they had over-loaned rather than under-loaned. He said it was the duty of all citizens to conduct themselves so that the country's credit will be preserved, and this cannot be done if people attempt to unload their own troubles and responsibilities upon somebody else.

## SOCIAL SERVICE

The University of Toronto has established a department of Social Service, and Dr. Franklin Johnson, Jr., of New

York, has been appointed director. This recognition of the value of trained social service by a great Canadian university shows that the cause is making practical headway. Of Dr. Johnson's qualifications we are told:

"Dr. Johnson is the son of Prof. Franklin Johnson, one of the group who, with President Harper, organized the University of Chicago. Dr. Johnson studied in Harvard and Chicago, and holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy with distinction from Columbia University. He comes to Toronto with the highest recommendations from Dr. Devine, of the New York School of Philanthropy, and Dr. Giddings, of Columbia University. He was in charge of the Church prison and correction institutional work in Chicago, was organizer and dean of the Cincinnati Training School, and has made a study of schools and institutions of instruction in social service as well as in the field of social service itself."

Well done, Restigouche! Her county council subscribes \$500 to the Patriotic Fund and also insures the lives of her fifty volunteers.

If anything else were needed to rouse the world against the Kaiser and his soldiers, the English newspaper accounts of fearful outrages upon non-combatants—even the nurses in their work of mercy—are more than sufficient to stir all humanity to the task of dealing with the War Lord and his brutal troops so that they never again may be a menace.

It is to be hoped that China will not get into the war. That country's war minister is now in Washington. He says China will remain strictly neutral and does not think she will make more than a show of protest against the Japanese movements in her territory. The despatches, however, tell of Chinese troops blowing up a railroad bridge, apparently to check Japanese operations.

There is somewhat of relief in this from the Toronto World—"Przmysl is going to be a great deal read about, but it may be observed that very few people talk about it. They don't know how. In these southeastern European languages, consonants do not mean what they do in Canada. R generally stands for S and Z for H and circumstances alter cases. The way to pronounce Przmysl is Pehem-lal. The P is with shut lips before the Sh. The accent is on the first syllable. The second syllable is scarcely sounded at all, and as much like Sil as lal, very lightly and slurred over."

In the words of Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes, in speeding Canada's first contribution of men to the war, every man among them is a free volunteer. Thirty-three thousand Canadians voluntarily give up all other interests to fight for the Motherland against the despoiler. And there will be another thirty-three thousand and still more if Britain needs them. Colonel Hughes declares the men from Valcartier as fine a body as ever faced a foe. In the Boer war Canadians were outstanding even among the veterans of Britain. None doubts they will give a worthy account of themselves once more.

## LOCAL RELIEF WORK FOR BRAVE BELGIANS

Donations of clothing, groceries, etc., for the relief of the sufferers in Belgium, are being looked after by Mrs. Frank S. White, 232 Prince William street, to be sent to her address. She expects by the last of the week to have a supply ready for shipment, and if possible will send it direct to Belgium.

Regarding the work of the Red Cross Society in which Mrs. White is interested, it is said that thirty-five associations of the city are at present hard at work knitting articles of clothing for the Canadian men gone to the front, particularly for those of the St. John contingent. Boxes are being forwarded each week to Quebec, but the next supply, about the first of the week, it is said, will be forwarded to the headquarters of the order in Toronto as the soldiers are leaving Valcartier.

The branch of the order here has received large quantities of knitting work for the soldiers from Sussex, Tower Hill, Honeydale, Charlotte county, Dorchester, St. Andrews, St. Stephen, Campbellton, Hampton and Petticoat, all of which have been sent on to Valcartier and are now probably in use by the soldiers.

Business Improving Generally

Saskatoon, Sept. 30.—Discussing business conditions in Montreal, early this month, Sir William Van Horne, remarked: "We may not see much recovery for a month; perhaps, for two months; but we are going to benefit by the conditions prevailing elsewhere. We may have to wait a little; but the improvement will surely come. This was my belief when the war broke out. I see no reason to change."

Today, it would almost seem as though the cheerful coming events which Sir William so confidently predicted had already cast their shadows before. Unquestionably, business is better all round. A much more hopeful tone prevails. The first war shock is over, and money from the crop is beginning to come in. Retailers and wholesalers alike report favorably, while their confidence in a good fall and winter business is daily gaining strength as the result of their present brighter experience.

## PRZMSYL

(John O'Keefe, in New York World)

Where'er I go there haunts me  
A word of strangest sound.  
It mocks at me and taunts me  
And chases me around.  
When I am getting sleep,  
About the morning bell,  
The zephyrs sing to me: "P.  
R-Z-M-S-Y-L-L."

In early days  
Across the lawn  
The crickets shrilly swell  
That P-P-P  
And Z-Z-Z  
And R-M-S-Y-L-L!

When spurs of troopers rowel  
Their horses in attack,  
That town without a vowel  
Gets up and slams 'em back.  
When other hamlets skimp  
Such consonants rebel,  
I dearly love to hymn P.  
R-Z-M-S-Y-L-L!"

In sound it is  
The bullets' wail  
Where serfs at last rebel,  
This P-P-P  
And Z-Z-Z  
And R-M-S-Y-L-L!

Ah, me! the music verbal  
That lies within the word!  
Its consonantal burble  
Beats anything I've heard.  
When guests are getting giddy  
You ring old boredom's knell,  
By bidding them, "Now, say P.  
R-Z-M-S-Y-L-L!"

It brings the buzz  
Of bees, it does—  
The droning of a shell!  
This P-P-P  
And Z-Z-Z  
And R-M-S-Y-L-L!

## LIGHTER VEIN.

The Man in Need.

The director of a matrimonial agency says the young girls ask only: "Who is he?"

The young widows: "What is his position?"

The old widows: "Where is he?"

Quite at Home.

"He should be quite at home by the seashore."

"Yes; he has sandy hair, watery eyes and plenty of 'tucks' and, moreover, thinks himself the only pebble on the beach."

Can You Beat It?

Mabel—So you and Jack don't speak, what's the trouble?

Marjory—We had a dreadful quarrel about which loved the other most.

Advantages of Single Life.

"All men are fools," exclaimed the pessimist.

"True," agreed the optimist, "but they are not reminded so often of it if they remain single."

Good Cooks in Demand.

"I've had my daughters learn to cook so that they might get better husbands."

"And did they?"

"No, they felt above marrying now."

Mean.

Little Tommy at school was being examined in geography.

"Now, Tommy," said his teacher, "if your left hand is west and your right is east and in front of you is north, what is behind you?"

Tommy wriggled about, and finally he answered:

"Well, the whole class can see it's a patch I have on me trousers. You don't need to point it out."

In a Modern Restaurant.

Patron—"They tell me your head chef has left. Why is that?"

Waiter—"Well, sir, we had to discharge him. The manager hired a new tango dancer and he couldn't afford to keep them both."

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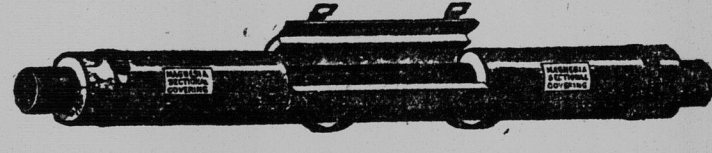
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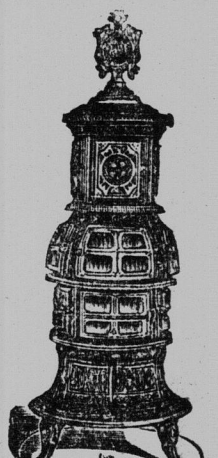
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## ENOUGH CHAMPAGNE TO CHRISTEN 1915

Broadway's Popular Indoor Sports Likely to Outlive New Year's Eve—Then Famine Stalks

(New York Sun)

The most popular of indoor sports, known among the experts as opening wine, may go on, it was learned yesterday authoritatively, and will last at least two years, but the champagne imports, now wholly at a standstill, begin again soon there is grave danger that when you secure your champagne at your favorite Broadway restaurant next New Year's Eve to see 1915 a-borning the old time legend "Champagne Only Served After 9 o'clock P. M." will not stare you out of countenance this year.

Mrs. Louis Mouquin was about the only importer of French wines seen yesterday throughout a trip among the wine men who had a we-should-worry smile on this face.

"The importation of champagnes," M. Mouquin told the reporter, "is of comparative unimportance to the house of Mouquin. The still wines, in which we are much more interested, are beginning to come to us again. The region of Bordeaux has not been devastated, and there are not enough refugees from Italy and other countries now to work in the vineyards that were deserted when the war broke out. Besides, we were stocked up for two years to come when the trouble began—that is, so far as clarets, sherries and still wines were concerned."

On the other hand is sadly crippled, of course, but our champagne importation is a comparatively light part of our business."

Champagne Men in Dark

"There is a different story to tell naturally in the offices of the Pommeroy people in Hudson street the Moet & Chandon offices in Beaver street and in

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the warehouses and counting rooms of the other big champagne companies visited.

In all these champagne concerns the officials seemed as anxious to get some word of information from the reporter regarding conditions in the general neighborhood of Reims, Epernay and other centers of champagne as the reporter was to get such knowledge from the importers.

"We have sent innumerable cables to France," said an officer in the Pommeroy offices, "in an effort to learn some details of the ravaging of the champagne country. But we cannot get answers."

"There are enough champagnes left in this country, I believe, to last until the first of the year at the most. We don't expect any new importations before that time, if then. One encouraging item is that the Germans in 1910 did not want to destroy the vineyards nor lost the cellars during their invasion of France. We hope, therefore, that they are not doing so now. All our French cellars were well stocked when the war broke out, but we do not know, of course what has happened to these cellars in the meantime."

"As soon as the first word of coming trouble reached here the hotel and restaurant men of the city started in to stock up, and for some time they got the goods at the old wholesale prices. Conditions now are such that there has been an increase in the wholesale price of champagne ranging from \$3 to \$6 a case of twelve quarts."

"We're doing out what we have left carefully. The hotel and restaurant men in some cases are selling in careful lots to their old customers at ante-bellum prices, but only to old customers. But even supposing that the crops have been utterly destroyed, it will not take nearly so long as the American people seem to think to replant and replenish the cellars in France. I cannot of course fix the time of such replenishment even approximately, but I can say that there will not be the years of waiting for new wines as Americans seem to think."

44,666 Cases in Bond

There were 62,481 cases of champagnes on hand on August 1 in New York city alone, according to figures supplied by the Custom House, it was said at the Moet & Chandon offices yesterday, and the stock in bond on September 1 was 89,806 cases in New York and 44,666 cases, or 358,992 quarts, in bond in the whole country.

When considering the amount of cases distributed or in bond for New York city alone, however, it must be remembered, as a Moet & Chandon official pointed out, that New York practically must supply the United States with its champagne.

"I may add," said this official, "that there are now from 12,000 to 15,000 cases of champagnes in the hands of dealers here on which the duty has been paid

but which have not yet been distributed. I believe that there is enough champagne now in New York to last somewhat longer than the first of the year. There is enough, I think, to last throughout the winter here."

"We know, of course, even though we can't get details that the passage of infantry, cavalry and artillery over the wine growing countries and the bombardment and rifle fire to which they have been subjected must have destroyed the vineyards. We don't believe—our fond hope, at least—that the cellars have been looted."

"The Moet & Chandon Company, for instance, has more than fifteen miles of cellars in the chalk foundations of Epernay, which ordinarily contain from 15,000,000 to 16,000,000 bottles of champagne. Even heavy artillery cannot damage these because they are so far underground and we have had no advances to show that the stock has been looted."

Needless to say business about the various wine offices visited is at a standstill. So far, however, there has been no laying off of office forces. Also, it was learned, the closing of the financial district activities, the retail increase of 50 cents or more a quart for champagnes and general business conditions have combined to decrease very much the retail sales of champagnes which, in turn so it was pointed out, may result in making the present local supply last longer than now is figured.

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