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MUST HAVE MORE MEN

If the war is not fought to a finish now, it will have to be fought over again as soon as Germany is able. Hon. W. T. White emphasized this fact at a recent meeting in Ottawa. It is one that should be emphasized to all the people to greater effect. A report of Hon. Mr. White's speech shows that he does not anticipate an early end of the struggle. The report says:

"Hon. Mr. White expressed the opinion that the Germans would not be beaten because of failure of food supplies or financial collapse. They might fail for want of munitions of war, but even that was not certain. There was no evidence of their lacking munitions and this fact showed that tremendous preparations the Germans had made for the war. The war was not likely to end as the result of any great decisive battle, it was more likely to be a war of attrition, said Hon. Mr. White, and this would make the length of the war uncertain, but the advantage would be with the Allies because of the men they could bring up."

That is the crucial test. The Allies must bring up more men. The appeal comes to Canada, to New Brunswick and to the city of St. John. Kitchener's additional 500,000 should be in training at the earliest possible date, and to this end recruiting must be carried on with vigor.

A THRILLING STORY

There are passages in some of the letters from soldiers at the front that stir the pulse and make every Canadian feel something of the enthusiasm and the fighting spirit of the splendid fellows who are making history and covering themselves with glory in the great struggle in Europe. Note this thrilling extract from a letter written by Private C. B. Forward, of the Canadian Scottish (16th Battalion) which lost thirty out of forty eight men in one battle in the battle of Langemarck:

"About 9 p. m. we received orders to advance and retake some trenches and a battery of artillery and by so doing check their advance."

"At 11 p. m. we were lined up in form of attack a few hundred yards ahead of the enemy. Here we waited, lying on the ground, stripped of all extra equipment, with bayonets fixed and only waiting for the word to advance."

"It came at last."

"We were formed up in eight lines of attack and on the word moved steadily forward. At about 350 yards the enemy opened a withering fire with machine guns and maxims."

"Still we moved steadily but quickly."

"At 150 yards distant the order 'Charge!' rang out, with the call from our colonel and majors in front of 'Come on, the sixteenth! Come on, the Canadians! Give them hell!'"

"And we did."

"In a few minutes we had both the trenches in front of the woods."

"Our officers were grand and not a man wavered or held back except those stopped with lead."

"One captain went down, shot through legs and body, but continued with his last breath, crawling on his hands and knees through the enemy's lines, and calling to his men to go on."

"Our good old colonel and his brother, our senior major, led the charge, each with a rifle and bayonet in their hands and were amongst the first to cross over the trenches. Both, thank God, were never hurt and are still with us, as proud of us as we are of them."

As a bit of descriptive narrative this story deserves to rank with the best work of the famous war correspondents of the last century. It is the story of a charge that will live in history, and will be cherished by Canadians of generations yet unborn.

Surely these letters from the front will stir patriotism and the martial spirit of other young Canadians that there will be no difficulty in filling up the ranks of new battalions, to their share in the great task which still confronts the British Empire.

The German press is still boastful. It is going to whip Italy along with the rest. The nation has surely gone mad.

Empire Day has a peculiar significance in this year of a war that involves the very fate of the Empire.

All reports from Russia indicate a serene confidence in ultimate victory. She has the men, and her tactics are steadily reducing the effectiveness of the armies opposed to her.

Russia must be short of munitions of war. In no other way can be explained her failure, with her enormous armaments, to hold the Austrians and Germans in check with more success than has been attained during the last two weeks. It is true that none of her armies has been completely overthrown, and that though forced to retire they are still in the field, while both at the northern and southern end of the long fighting line she has forced the enemy back; but with her immense bulk she had been expected to continue to make progress along the whole line before this time. A shortage of war munitions would explain the

situation and there seems no other that is adequate.

Seven more battalions are to be recruited in Western Canada. And New Brunswick has not yet filled the ranks of the one under formation for many weeks past. This province must wake up.

It is now taken for granted that Italy will enter the war. Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece are expected to follow her example. Such a result would quickly crush Turkey and greatly relieve the pressure on Russia.

Anton Kuiperle, charged with sending military information of value from England to Germany, was found out. He committed suicide rather than face the exposure. There's a hint for the Kaiser, who has also been found out.

Why does not Sir Robert Borden tell the people of Canada that there are to be no general elections till after the war? What Canada needs today is unity in devotion to the one great task of defeating Germany and saving the Empire and the world from the curse of Prussian militarism.

The Soldiers' Comforts Association will meet with a ready response to its appeal for comforts for the men in the trenches. They especially crave tobacco, home, but there other little comforts which are also hailed with delight by the men who are fighting our battles for us and shedding their blood for Home and Empire.

The Bangor Commercial says:—Playground work has been carried on in this city most successfully each year for the past five summer seasons and a great deal of good has been done among the children. The city has always assisted in the maintenance of the playgrounds and an appropriation has been voted by the city council each spring.

The legislature of Nova Scotia at its last session amended the Children's Protection Act of the province, making it still more effective, although it was an admirable act as it stood. In New Brunswick the act is still a dead letter, and in St. John the Children's Aid Society is still waiting for the \$1,500 voted a year ago. They do things better in Nova Scotia. Why?

All work on the new parliament buildings in Winnipeg has been stopped, and the new government will make a thorough inspection of all that has been done. The enquiry into the scandals is also to be prosecuted. One witness, it may be noted, is reported to be ill in Rochester, Minnesota, and his counsel is unable to say when he will be able to appear before the commission.

Mr. John E. Woodworth, of Berwick, N. S., writes to The Square Deal, official organ of the tax reform league of Canada, as follows:—"The people of Berwick, Nova Scotia, secured from the legislature of that province at the session of 1913 an act to enable them to install publicly-owned water service and electric lighting systems. At the session of 1914 the act was so amended as to provide that all taxation under that act should be levied upon real estate, thus exempting personal property, incomes, and polls. The exemption of incomes, however, is the only thing required to give Berwick an ideal system of taxation."

One Prof. John William Burgess, Ph. D., J. D., LL. D., has published in New York a book on the war, in which he places the responsibility upon Great Britain, and says the British government is a despotism and compares unfavorably with that of Germany, which is more efficient and more democratic. Among other things he says: "Belgium has Great Britain to thank for every drop of blood shed by her people and every franc of damage inflicted within her territory during this war." It seems rather a pity that Prof. Burgess did not go to England to impress his views upon the people there—and that he did not take passage on the Lusitania.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union in Montreal has established a home for working girls receiving less than six dollars per week. The Mail says: "At present twelve girls are living there, two receiving two dollars and a half a week. The average wage of the others is five dollars. Each boarder pays half of her wage for food and lodging. The place is not a Home in the institutional sense, neither is it a reformatory. Those who live there are self-supporting, as far as possible, and wish to remain self-respecting." Of course the Home is not self-supporting, but the Union appeals for contributions in money or supplies, and expects to get enough to keep the house open. It is certainly a very worthy work, and will doubtless mean the salvation of some of the poorly paid girls of the city.

French Aviator Killed.

Paris, May 21, via London, May 21.—Albert Moreau, one of the French aviators, has been killed by a fall of his aeroplane at Melun. Moreau was the inventor of a safety device to prevent the capsizing of aeroplanes. In 1913 he won the Honnet prize with a self-righting aeroplane, which he drove without touching the lev-

DOWN WENT GERMANIA.

(By Upton Sinclair.)

Down, down to the bottom of the sea, With her engines going went the Lusitania;

They could not stop the whirling screw, It churned to foam the waters blue, It churned the blood of babies, too, And down, down to the bottom of the sea,

With her engines going went the Lusitania.

Down to their death went the faithful men,

Down went the pale faced women then, Down went two hundred babies and ten;

When down, down to the bottom of the sea, With her engines going went the Lusitania.

And down went another ship from view, A ship of state with a pirate crew, Kultur, politik, and kaiser, too, Down, down to the bottom of the sea Has gone Germania.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Many of the old colored men in the south, especially those of the ante-bellum type, handle a violin bow with a good degree of skill. One such had an employer in Missouri with similar tastes. One day master and servant were fiddling together, and as they finished the master said:

"You handle the bow pretty well, Tom, but you are always a bar or so behind. What is that?"

"Out of decency to you, majah," said Tom.

"Yes," said the meek-looking man, "I've no doubt you've had some great hunting experiences in your travels abroad."

"I have, indeed."

"Buffalo hunting?"

"And bear hunting?"

"Of course."

"Well, you just come around and let my wife take you house hunting and bargain hunting with her. Then you'll begin to know what real excitement is."

Play in Creation.

Skeptical (after long-winded argument)—The fact is, man is a bungled job. Even you, sir, must have noted defects in the human organism, and thought of better physical contrivances.

Person (with cool sarcasm)—Why, I really think I have. You see, when I want to shut out anything disagreeable from my sight, I can draw down my eyelids, but unfortunately I haven't any flaps to my ears."

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