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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 WAR SITUATION.

Again the operations in the eastern war zone demand a monopoly of attention. The Austro-German forces, seemingly undeterred by the gigantic losses attending their last advance, are once more attacking the Russians and carrying forward operations on a magnitude unprecedented in the history of warfare. The Russian line from the Baltic to Bessarabia is more than 1,000 miles in length, and all along that great front the Germans are attacking. The scope of the thing can scarcely be appreciated, yet, if the contending armies were transferred to Canada they would be fighting along a line that would reach from Halifax to a point considerably beyond Toronto. Along that line it is estimated the Austro-Germans have more than two million men, so some slight idea can be gleaned of the weight of the movement the Russians are valiantly striving to hold back.

To a layman it would seem that while the mighty German movement is going on in the east it would be an opportune time for a general advance of the British and French troops in the western region. The reports from that sphere of action, however, do not indicate that such a movement is in progress. In fact the fighting is confined to a continuance of the trench warfare in which gains are counted by yards rather than miles. On the southern end of the western front France appears to be making no slight progress, but there is nothing that can be at all compared to the Austro-German movement against the Muscovite armies in the east. It is gradually working her way over the mountains and getting ready for an attack on the Austrians, but so far there has been little fighting, and nothing that can be called decisive.

From the Dardanelles the reports do not show that the movement for possession of the Gallipoli Peninsula has been completed. The British and French troops are moving forward, but progress is slow. Altogether the past two or three days have brought but little change to any of the campaigns, and there is nothing to indicate that after all, another bitter winter war may not be necessary.

## MANITOBA CONSERVATIVES.

Elections in the province of Manitoba are announced for August 6th, with nominations one week earlier. The country at large will then be afforded an opportunity of judging to what extent the disclosures at the sessions of the two commissions at Winnipeg will affect the opinion of the people. The Conservative party will enter the contest with an advantage ready made, they will have a new platform and a leader who can command the respect of all. At a provincial convention held in Winnipeg last week a progressive policy was outlined, the delegates came free handed and the proceedings were in no way cut and dried.

In many respects the programme to which the party subscribes places it in advance of the Liberal policy. The resolution pledging the party to immediate adoption of prohibition carries that question beyond the stand of the Norristes, who merely promised a referendum. The convention has also declared for a repeal of the Caldwell amendments to the School Act, and votes to women on receiving a mandate from them.

While the platform has won much favorable comment in Manitoba there is even more general support of the new leader. Sir J. A. M. Atkins is an able lawyer, a fluent speaker and a clean high-minded parliamentarian. His acceptance of the leadership is regarded as a guarantee that the party will return to the Borden standard of public life.

The large mass of Manitobans, it reports from that province can be taken as an indication of their views, laugh at the idea that Premier Norris and his colleagues who have attempted to raise the standard of purity, "are any better than the men they supplanted." "No purer, merely smoother," is the way one Winnipeg correspondent of a Toronto newspaper puts it.

However, the verdict of the polls on

August 6th will decide whether the reconstructed Conservative party holds the confidence of the electorate. No matter which side wins the contest is likely to "divide the people on political questions at a time when all thoughts should be directed to the solution of the one problem." And this, according to the Grit newspapers, is a thing greatly to be deplored. Yet it was the Liberal government of Manitoba that brought about the election.

## THE NEED OF MACHINE GUNS.

The movement to collect funds for the purchase of additional machine guns for the Canadian troops is a good one and it is pleasing to note that it is already meeting with success. There is not a man in New Brunswick who is not anxious to secure all the protection possible for the Canadian soldiers and to help them overcome the enemy. Also those who have read the letters written by the boys now at the front cannot but have been impressed by the fact that the Germans have a great superiority in machine guns, and that in consequence, the Canadians are laboring under a fatal handicap.

Canadian soldiers, writing after Ypres, Neuve Chapelle and St. Julian, have laid stress on the deadliness of the German machine gun fire, through which they were literally forced to wade before they could get at close quarters with the enemy. Others have told how a few German soldiers with machine guns can riddle Canadian trenches with an effectiveness that cannot be overcome by ten times as many rifles. If the Canadians had a machine gun equipment equal to that of the Germans how many lives would have been saved in the fighting that has already taken place?

It is a patriotic duty for stay-at-homes, who are unable to do their part of the fighting, to see to it that those who go have every advantage of equipment that can be given to them. If our troops are lavishly equipped with machine guns in the future, their operations will be much more successful and many lives will undoubtedly be saved in the engagements yet to be fought. The provision of machine guns is a matter of practical business rather than of charity; the government is doing all it can to equip and maintain the troops but if the number of guns supplied by the government can be augmented by private generosity so much the better.

Referring to the newly chosen leader of the Manitoba Conservative party, the Montreal Gazette says: "In selecting Sir James Atkins as their leader the provincial Conservatives of Manitoba have done what will strengthen them for the contest that must soon be decided. Sir James, besides being a lawyer of repute and wide views, has been at the front of many business enterprises in the West and has received many testimonials of esteem from fellow-workers in business as well as in public and philanthropic endeavor. In the House of Commons he was respected, and the Canadian Bar Association offered him the honor of its highest office. He will be a strength for the party, both for the reputation which he is held and for the judgment he will bring to its councils."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has addressed a recruiting meeting in Ottawa and in the course of his remarks he urged Canadian young men to cross the sea, and aid the Empire in the conflict against the demon of Prussian militarism. Sir Wilfrid has evidently revised his opinion regarding the Kaiser. There was a time not so long ago when he endeavored to make Canadians believe that one of the great factors in promoting a good understanding between Britain and Germany was the German Emperor "whose patient effort had always been in the direction of peace."

Rumors of peace are again cropping up. For the most part they can be traced to German origin. Great Britain and her Allies can sanction no peace until the task to which they set their hands has been thoroughly accomplished. Otherwise it will only have to be completed later and at a heavier cost.

The slow progress made by the Allies on the Gallipoli peninsula merely serves to illustrate once more that the toughest part of the turkey is the neck.

The Welsh coal strike is still on with little prospect of speedy cessation. The miners have taken an inopportune time to stop work if they wish to secure sympathy for their cause.

## The Hero

I'd like to be a hero if it wasn't for the war, But the war has made me busy don't you see. So many men are fighting in the trenches at the front That it's left a fearful lot of work for me.

There's the boys who used to cheer for the ball club at the Park, Lots of them have gone away to fight the foe And if no one stops behind, to jaw the other club How can we win is what I'd like to know.

I'd love to dress in khaki and parade about the street, And my girl says I'd look dandy if I did, But without a linen collar and my New York style in ties I should look some real simple sort of kid.

Besides, I couldn't hose the lawn for Mamma, (Though I don't if I can dodge it, you can bet) And who would wind the wool for Sister Susie (For she hasn't finished knitting neckties yet.)

I'm sure I do my share to help the Empire I've all the Allies' flags, from cigarettes, And if any one says Britain will be beaten I'm prepared to take them on, in ten cent bets.

I clap my hands when I am at the Movies Whenever there's a picture of the King, And I feel so savage when I see a German It makes me chew my gum like anything.

So you guys that talk about me being nervous, And say I ought to take a gun and fight, Should think of all the things I'm really doing (I lie and think about it half the night).

But even if I hadn't lots to keep me Just doing things for Ma and Sister Sue My Momma says she'd cry if I was wounded And I'd hate to worry Momma—wouldn't you?

Ottawa. HAVELOCK SHELTON

## Canada's Trade Balance

(Christian Science Monitor)

Editor Christian Science Monitor, July 16.—For the first time in its history the Dominion of Canada has a balance of trade in its favor. The two first months of the fiscal year show exports of greater value than imports by approximately \$17,000,000. This balance, of course, is small compared with the favorable balance in the United States for the same period, but it is not the amount that makes it important; it is the fact that Canada driven to dependence upon its own resources, can do business at a profit. In the past, moreover, Canada, seemingly, could not meet its own needs in necessities let alone in luxuries. It has always imported enormously. It is not importing enormously now.

The period of Canada's greatest export trade for the year has not as yet set in. An immense harvest will soon demand world markets. There is at present only one serious economic problem confronting the Canadian people. They are going to have tremendous crops. The surplus crops will command high prices abroad. The problem arises from the scarcity of shipping facilities. Canadian foodstuffs would be so plentiful as to destroy values if held at home. Outlets must, therefore, be provided. Food shipments to Great Britain and to ports in the British Empire generally were but little interfered with a year ago. Attempt to intercept them, it may be assumed, will be more frequent this summer and autumn.

Here is a problem, then, of great magnitude—a problem of vast importance not only to Canada but to millions in war-ridden Europe. All the conditions make it exceptionally desirable that the Canadian crops shall be successfully marketed. Canada is facing the situation with open eyes, and confidently. There is no attempt to underestimate the gravity of the outlook; there is less inclination to exaggerate it.

## VACATION

It's mighty nice that nine times nine Make eighty-one forever, But oh, I know a place that's fine For bathing in the river! A place a hundred times as cool As any spot in this whole school.

It's very interesting to know Eight furlongs make a mile, And in a little week or so I'll prove it, barefoot style. I'll stride those furlongs, gay and free, Nor care how many there may be.

Geography, arithmetic, And all the books are splendid, But you will see me shut them quick, When school at last is ended, And range them in a solemn row, And give one jolly whoop, and go! —Nancy Byrd Turner, in the Youth's Companion.

## Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

I went around to the milk stoar to get a quart of milk in a bottil for ma this afternoon, and awn the way hoam with it I startid to pass by sum of the fellos standing next to a wall tawking and I startid to throw the bottil of milk up in the air and catch it agen.

Hay, you'll drop that and then you'll have sumthing did to you, awl rite, sed Sid Hunt.

That's awl you no, I woodent have a thing sed to me even if I drop it, I sed.

O no, O no, awl the fellos sed, and I keep awn throwing the bittil up and catching it and awl of a suddin it slipped rite throo my hands and fell awn the pavement and broak with a fearse noise, and the milk skverted in evrry wich way.

Lets go hoam with him and see if he has anything sed to him or not, sed Sid Hunt. Wich they awl did, following me hoam, and they was going to follow me rite in the house and leed, Wate out heer, and quick went in and shut the door.

Is that you, Benny, hurry back heer with the milk, sed ma. Beeins back in the kitchen, and I went back, not hurrying esepeshilly, and ma sed, Well, wares the milk.

It dropped, I sed.

Dropped, sed ma, how did you drop it, it coodent drop awl by itself. Yes, mam, it did, I sed, I was throwing it up and catching it, and it dropped awl by itself.

O, is that so, yure a smart boy, arent you, sed ma, you havent got the sents you were born with, this wats the matter with you. I nevver saw such a boy in awl my life, throwing it up and catching it, absoolootly sentsless, if I didnt have my hands full of dough Id box yure eers this minit, but you wate till yure fathir comes hoam, thats awl, go awn, get out of heer. Ill have to borrow sum milk from the naybers, I havent time to send you eround to throw sum moar up in the air, go awn, get out.

Wich I did, and the fellos was still out there, and they awl sed, Wad did she say, wad did she say.

Not a word, I sed.

And we got up a calm of prizners base.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Island Patriotic League in connection with recruiting for Island artillery unit.

Rev. Dr. Fullerton, president of the league, and Sir Louis Davis also spoke.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 18.—A series of conferences in this city and in New York resulted tonight in the announcement that the general strike of machinists employed by the Remington Arms and Ammunition Company would not begin at noon tomorrow, the time set for the walkout.

Persons interested in the continued industrial prosperity of this city were told by labor men in charge of the situation to be responsible for an agreement to withhold the strike call for at least twenty-four hours.

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