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GLORIOUS FRANCE.

With a million of her sons killed, and more than a million others rendered unfit for further fighting, France, the unconquerable, still maintains the struggle for liberty and the triumph of the principles of democracy. It is a glorious record of devotion and sacrifice for the greatest cause that ever challenged the soul of a nation. France has conceived seven million men since the war began, and her population was only 36,000,000. When we are told in Canada that we cannot afford to spare any more men, the record of France is the answer; and we are not fighting in France's war, but our own. What Germany would do to France if she won this war would be trifling compared with what she would do to Canada.

Never again may we call the French nation frivolous or decadent. Such a record as she has made in this war could only be accomplished by a steadfast people, of great vitality and resolute staying power. When we think of her losses, her abiding cheerfulness in the face of great odds, the fiery valor of her troops and the devotion of her women and children and old men, we should surely be stimulated to do our part with settled purpose and with the utmost energy, to be worthy of the credit already so generously given by France to our sons, who fight side by side with hers in the most cruel and heart-breaking struggle the world has known, and on the result of which hangs the fate not only of France and Canada but of the cause of democracy the wide world over.

THE WAR SITUATION.

The Austrian Emperor is at the front, urging his troops to the assault on the Italians and their Allies. He is disappointed at their lack of success, and is said to be determined to press the attack in hope of forcing a way into the Venetian plains. There is good reason for his frantic desire to gain a victory. The reduction in the bread ration and the growing discontent, as well as the necessity to gain a military success, the Italians, however, are elated by their success in checking the enemy's advance, and will fight with redoubled energy to retain the advantage. The general tenor of comment of the Allied press encourages the hope that they will succeed, and that the Austrians will be defeated.

The German attack at Rheims has proved a costly failure. It is suggested that the next blow will be aimed at the British with the Channel ports as an objective, but that is mere conjecture. The enemy keeps his plans to himself, and the task of Gen. Foch is to guard against surprise at any point along the extended front.

Today's cables tell of peace demonstrations in some German cities as well as of riots in Austria. It would be folly to found extravagant hopes on these reports, but they are at least straws which show the direction of the wind.

AN ANNIVERSARY.

It must have been a rude shock to citizens who remembered the great fire of 1877 to rise this morning, the anniversary of that fateful day, and find their water supply cut off. Fortunately it was but a brief interruption of the supply.

The changes that have come since 1877 are perhaps best illustrated by the remark of Mr. Thomas Adams yesterday that in its town planning St. John should provide for an aviation campus, because the time has come for the commercialization of the aeroplane.

But another striking illustration is found in the fact that we are today discussing the prospect of the establishment of a steel shipbuilding plant near a great dry dock that is to be constructed at Courtenay Bay. In 1877 the wooden ship was still the glory of St. John.

Then we have the grain elevator, the transcontinental railways, the sugar refinery, the other large manufacturing plants, the telephone, electric railway, and numerous other modern improvements. The city has not increased in population to the extent hoped for, but it has made very substantial progress and appears to be on the eve of important developments. After the war its growth should be more rapid, and its wealth increase. Its unrivalled position on the main line of one of the great trade routes of the Empire must bring it into greater prominence as a national port and a centre of industry and commerce.

The Germans are issuing pamphlets in French and English filled with gross falsehoods, to be circulated if possible behind the Allied front, to influence the soldiers. That is a useless waste of funds. The Allied soldiers are warned in advance, and in any case they are out to defeat the Hun.

Dr. Frink is right. If oil shale can be used in stoves or grates or furnaces, let's have it within reach next winter. But also let us have a substantial supply of hard wood. Both the Nova Scotia and United States output of coal is very disappointing.

HAS NINE PLAYGROUNDS.

The city of Ottawa now has nine playgrounds. The ninth has just been presented to the Playgrounds Association by the Kiwanis Club, which donated the equipment at a cost of \$600. It is on Rideau Hall grounds, the use of the necessary area being given by His Excellency the Governor-General, who thoroughly believes in playgrounds for the children. Lord Richard Neville also lent valuable aid. This ground will accommodate 100 children. At the formal opening on Saturday last Mayor Fisher said that money spent on playgrounds was well spent, and while other cities might spend more than Ottawa none got better results. They have a superintendent of civic playgrounds, and the mayor said if he had his way in the matter he would make that official the superintendent of recreation for the city.

The example of other cities should stimulate St. John people to redoubled efforts to secure ample play spaces for the boys and girls. The movement now on foot should not cease until this has been accomplished. Public sentiment will approve of any action the city council may take to aid in bringing about the desired result. As the summer holidays are at hand, anything that can be done quickly should be done to provide facilities for baseball. The supervised playgrounds are only suited to the needs of the smaller children, and the older ones are equally deserving of consideration.

"The boy without a playground is father to the man without a job."

REGISTER TODAY.

National registration is a national duty. England discovered the fact early in the war. The United States learned its value. The war is not yet ended. It may go into another year—or longer. However confident we may be of early victory the experience of the last four years proves that it is wise to act as if we expected a long war. Therein lies the real assurance of victory. The Canadian people are asked to get together, to indicate in what way each may be best able to serve if the necessity for greater sacrifice and service should arise. The question on the registration card are simple, and they are a test of our sincerity and our real feelings in regard to Canada's part in the war. All persons over sixteen are required to register. Saturday is the last day, except for the very few who for reasons which the authorities may deem sufficient are unable to do so on that day. It must be borne in mind also that there are severe penalties for failure to register, and it is something that cannot be dodged. But surely none will want to dodge a national duty of this sort. The fate of Canada hangs in the balance until Germany is beaten. Every good citizen will therefore register and indicate what in an emergency he or she might be able to do to help at home in winning the war.

An interesting and valuable branch of the work of the Y. W. C. A. in the city of Bangor is a summer school for backward pupils in the grade schools. A specially qualified teacher is secured, the names of the scholars are taken and their parents visited, and the school is open for about six weeks. It is conducted the first five days of each week from 10 o'clock in the forenoon to the Y. M. C. A. and the cost of tuition depends on the number of scholars. It is said that the work done is of great advantage to the pupils in their further school studies.

When the British blocked Zebrugge they planned in twenty-one German destroyers, a large number of submarines and auxiliary craft, and these are constantly being bombed by British airmen, who also prevent the Germans from opening the channel. That was a hard blow the British navy struck at Zebrugge and Ostend.

The Toronto Globe informs the readers of its industrial page that "The first sardine-packing plant to be erected in Newfoundland is now being erected at West Saint John, above Navy Island, by the Booth Fisheries Company of Chicago."

Toronto Globe.—In Britain the government is calling up men of forty-nine, fifty, and fifty-one for medical examination. In Canada the government is being called down for calling up men of twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two.

The United States regards the submarine demonstration on the American coast as an evidence of the failure of the submarine campaign in European waters, where it would be most effective if successful.

The German and Austrian armies appear to have lost some of their "punch," but there may be lots of fight in them yet. They have given us some unpleasant surprises in the last four years.

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Though now he sleeps on alien fields Whose song revealed the patriot's part, To him his grateful country yields The homage of her quickened heart.

And when the storms of battle cease, And heroes homeward march again, In the untroubled days of peace When men appraise the deeds of men, Then shall his country laud his name In classic ball or vulgar throng, And raise for his abiding fame Her tribute to his matchless song.

LIGHTER VEIN

Force of Habit.

Captain—Chief Quarters (in chorus)— Just a moment please. Name and address?

Here's a New One.

Flanice (at the phone)—Then you won't be up tonight?

He—No, dearest; the boys at the office are giving me a necktie shower.

Feeling the Dog.

Mike O'Mara just got a new dog. We asked Mike yesterday if it was a hunting-dog as it came up to us, and Mike in a low voice said: "Don't talk so loud, he thinks he is."

Cheerful Greeting.

The other day I went to a bakery shop for my war-bread in case a man in khaki who had just returned from the front.

"Why, Lieutenant—," said the bakeress, "are you back? I've been looking anxiously for you every day in the casualty list."

Which?

Senator Smith of Georgia said at an Atlanta luncheon: "German militarism set out to conquer the world. Before the disasters that have befallen it, however, German militarism must now be feeling the deal like Cal Clay. Calhoun Clay of Point Rock was fishing for tarpon in Florida, and he hooked such a big one that it pulled him overboard. As Cal went over the side of the boat and tore through the water in the tarpon's wake, he said: 'Wot Ah wants ter know is dis dis nigger a-fishin', or is dis fish a-niggerin'?"

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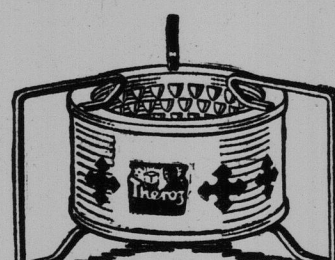
London, June 20.—Lenine's surrender of the Russian Black Sea fleet to Germany, according to the reasons given for the act by Foreign Commissary Chicherin, and the obviously worthless German undertakings by which the Bolshevik ministers seek to palliate this further treachery to the country and to the allies, have proven even to Bolshevik apologists here, so far as the Bolshevik leaders are concerned, that their whole policy is to play into Germany's hands. Whether this is the fruit of direct corruption or of fatuous anarchism is immaterial. The result is that Germany is getting a free hand for the enslavement of Russia, which, of course, has quickened all forces at work in the allied countries looking to some sort of allied intervention to checkmate Germany's game and enable the Russian people to work out their own salvation.

The crucial question is, What authority in Russia is entitled to invite this co-operation or is able to support it effectively if it were undertaken? The Bolshevik leaders leave no doubt they look solely to Germany for the rehabilitation of Russia, if, indeed, they are concerned to rehabilitate her at all.

Quite recently, according to a rumor here, the fate of the Bolshevik government hung on a single hair, but it contrived to save itself at the last moment. It is believed its days are numbered, and if it is replaced by truly democratic forces, Russia may be rescued from the worst that Germany is planning for her.

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Wine Pits Saved Rheims To France

Its Immense Champagne Cellars Provide Impregnable Protection — Von Ardenne's Statement

Rotterdam, June 20.—General von Ardenne, in an article in the Berliner Tageblatt, attempts to explain to the people

of Germany why Rheims still remains in the possession of the French. It is due entirely, he says, to the strength of the defence, and not, as hitherto suggested, in accordance with some obscure German tactical motive.

"Rheims," he writes, "is held by a very strong garrison of at least two divisions of French colonial troops. These troops find complete protection from German artillery fire in deep cellars miles in extent, constructed by great champagne firms. Against gas clouds which float over the town these cellars offer complete protection. Therefore the garrison really is behind an impregnable

armored shelter so far as a German storm attack is concerned.

"Moreover, such an attack is scarcely to be thought of in view of the gas clouds which are continually over the city, while, even if it were attempted, the French colonial regiments would be able to emerge from their defences with unthinned ranks. The fight, therefore, would be an extremely bloody one."

Von Ardenne adds that the fall of Rheims would not be decisive, though it would affect the whole French Champagne front, even perhaps as far as Verdun.

HERE IS THE DAY YOU REGISTER

ON June 22nd, Saturday, every man and woman, resident in Canada, who is 16 years and over, must attend at one of the places provided for registration, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., and there truthfully answer all the questions set forth upon the registration card.

Upon signing the card, vouching for the accuracy of the answers, the man or woman will receive a Registration Certificate, as shown below, which must be carried upon the person thereafter.

Why the Certificate is so Important

For failure to register a maximum fine of \$100 and one month's imprisonment is provided, also an added penalty of \$10 for each day the person remains unregistered after June 22nd.

Persons remaining unregistered cannot lawfully be employed, and cannot draw wages for work done after June 22nd. Employers who keep unregistered persons in their employ will be liable for fines equal in amount to those recoverable from the unregistered employees.

Unregistered persons cannot lawfully purchase transportation tickets, and may find themselves barred from travelling on railroads, steamboats, etc. Similarly they may be denied board and lodging at any hotel, restaurant, public house or boarding house.

In a word—All persons remaining unregistered, and all persons having dealings with unregistered persons, knowing them to be such, incur heavy penalties under the law.

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