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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 FARMERS AND THE DRAFT.

It is difficult to believe that the majority of the 1,500 farmers in attendance at yesterday's convention in Toronto, when they lodged a vigorous protest against the operation of the Military Service Act as applied to farmers' sons, and urged a nation of Ontario and Quebec farmers to oppose the United Government were not actuated by political motives. Farmers as a class are intelligent men and surely, they see and realize that while the importance of food production is very great both to Canada and the Empire, yet it is even more important that our lines in France and Flanders should be held. The farmers of the country are performing a national service in the production of foods, but equal service is being performed by workers in many other lines of industry. Munitions, fish food, lumber, clothing, and many other articles that can be mentioned, are absolutely necessary, and yet it would be impossible to exempt as a class all the men engaged in their production. This matter of exemption must be dealt with according to individual cases and that is the way in which the Government and the military authorities have decided to deal with it. There is no desire to inflict unnecessary hardship or to rob the acres of this country of the men whose labor is necessary to make them produce. But food alone will not win this war, and our pledge to the men who have gone overseas, depending upon Canada for support, must be kept no matter what line of industry or production is affected.

Sir Robert Borden has made this point very plain and it is safe to say that the great majority of the farmers of Canada are ready to patriotically accept the situation and do their very best. At Ottawa a few weeks ago the largest delegation ever seen in the capital received the premier's final word on the situation and for the most part that word was accepted. Therefore it is not easy to think there is not a political motive, possibly, even an organized political movement, behind the convention in Toronto. It is much more difficult to believe the view of that convention represents the real opinion of Canada's loyal farmers.

### REFITTING THE VETERANS.

Because it does not require much co-operation from the general public the work of refitting the returned soldiers for a re-entry into civilian life does not receive a great deal of publicity, but no more important undertaking is now being carried on in Canada than that which has this for its purpose. Few people have any comprehensive idea of the immense programme now well underway for the care of the veterans. Formerly much of the work was under the direction of the Military Hospitals Commission, but a great part of this has been combined with effort in other directions and coordinated under the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment. This department is carrying out a tremendous work and the organization already effected and the extent of progress made indicate that it will be well and thoroughly done.

"Reconstruction," a bulletin issued by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, and which is widely distributed, contains information on what is being done in the way of fitting disabled men for useful occupation. Some idea of the scope of the work is conveyed by the fact that disabled soldiers are now being trained in 173 occupations. Courses of industrial re-education have been provided for 3,269 returned men and of these 2,600 have so far progressed in physical recovery that they have begun training for their new civil occupations. Most of these men have been discharged and are receiving vocational pay and allowances while they train. Others began receiving instruction before they were discharged.

The 173 occupations in which men are training cover almost the entire field of ordinary endeavor. They include agriculture, architecture, applied science, ad. writing, bench carpentry, business, bookkeeping, barbering, building inspection, banking, boot-making, cinematograph operating, cement and steel testing, drafting and design, civil and electrical engineering, field and animal husbandry, gas and steam engine operating, harness making, health inspection, librarian's work, mechanical dentistry, medicine and surgery, music, monotype operating, navigation, stenography, tailoring, watchmaking, teaching, etc.

The Canadian disabled soldier is the recipient of the most expert advice and assistance the state can give him. Expert medical officers ascertain the

extent of his physical ability, so that he is not trained for work he is not physically able to do. Then occupational or vocational counsellors trained in judging character and personality and who are acquainted with the demands and opportunities of industry advise as to the occupation best suited to the individual soldier. These counsellors are being recruited throughout Canada, from the provincial and municipal services, from the universities and schools, from the professions and industries, and as far as possible they are returned men who are best able to judge of the needs and the desires of the soldiers.

Sympathy and patience are the characteristics which dominate this work. The vocational counsellors do their work scientifically and humanely. They first establish between themselves and the disabled soldier an intimate, friendly connection, and through this not only learn his wishes regarding future life but dispense the feeling of helplessness and depression that naturally is entertained by so many war cripples. Often the counsellor must have several interviews with the soldier before a sufficiently sympathetic connection can be established to ensure of the best course being taken for his welfare. Having acquired knowledge of the extent of the veteran's physical capacity, of his education, his profession, his hobbies, the officers in charge of the work are able to start the soldier in training for some occupation which he will like and for which he will be suited.

During training he is carefully watched, and if his progress indicates that the best selection has not been made in his case a change is made. Meanwhile, his physical condition is observed and medical attention is provided promptly when it is required. When training is completed, a situation is found and even then the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment does not abandon him. It keeps in touch with him and his work, assisting in any way necessary.

This great work is of such importance to the future of Canada that it is regrettable there is not a more general understanding of its scope.

### ANOTHER TRAITOR PUNISHED.

A day or two ago the despatches told that Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, wife of J. G. Phelps Stokes, American millionaire and socialist, had been convicted of seditious utterances concerning the United States' entrance into war and had been sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

The item occupied the space of but a few lines in the newspapers but behind the bare announcement there is an interesting story, as Mrs. Stokes has had a remarkable career. An exchange conveys the information that she was born somewhere in the ghetto in London. Her maiden name was Wieslander, indicative of Teutonic origin. As a young girl she came to this continent and became a factory hand, continuing in that employment for many years. She adopted Socialism, became a leader among the girls with whom she worked and was instrumental in the organization of several strikes.

While so engaged she met Mr. Stokes, also a Socialist, and despite his position and fortune they were married. The fact that her husband went so far out of his own social circle to find his wife was the subject of much comment in New York, where they lived. The couple planned an existence which they felt would be ideal, and for a time did much useful work in improving the conditions under which so many men and girls were sweated in American factories.

Then came the war and at once, the exchange referred to states, "Mrs. Stokes declared it was a war of capitalism. Her husband was not so sure. When the United States entered the war he withdrew from the Socialist party because of its disloyalty. His wife also withdrew, but presently, urged by her former friends among the International Socialists, she recanted, and was welcomed back by the American Bolsheviks. Her subsequent utterances, her reiteration of her former charges that this was a war brought about by Wall Street, led to her arrest, conviction and subsequent sentence."

Commenting on the case another New York paper says: "Rose Pastor Stokes is another illustration of a fact that has been commented upon, namely, that in the United States the leading Socialists who are American-born have broken from the Socialist party, while the leading Socialists who are foreign-born have clung to the party. Spargo and Russell are in the former class Hillquit and Borkman belong to the latter. There is something par-

ticularly contemptible about the case of Rose Pastor Stokes. She was born abroad and reared in poverty. In the United States she was given opportunity to advance herself, to win an education and to enter, if her tastes had inclined her to it, upon a course of great influence. Instead of showing gratitude she bites the hand that feeds her, and gives comfort to the enemies of the country that provided her with a successful career. She deserves no pity, unless pity is due any woman so foolish and so devoid of ordinary decent feeling as she has proved herself to be."

### THE CITY THAT LOOKS AFTER ITS CHILDREN

Most cities are built for adults; the city plans with their streets, their alleys, their ornate parks and their playgrounds, clearly signify that only grown-ups are expected to inhabit them. Dayton, Ohio, has suddenly awakened to the fact that children form an important part of its population and it is recasting its physical organization with that as a starting point. Streets and alleys are all right for mature pedestrians and draymen, but mature never intended that children should live in them and derive from them their education. In 1915 the Department of Welfare established eighteen playgrounds, and each public school added a similar annex to its equipment. Now marble-shooting, jackstones, kite-flying, baseball, and swimming are regular municipal activities. Wherever the City Manager finds a vacant lot he immediately attempts to convert it into a baseball diamond. He has placed the full force of the city government behind the amateur baseball league; he is himself one of the most persistent "fans" at these contests and has personally established a prize cup. Play festivals are more important functions than the "inaugurations" that are still the great days in most American municipalities. On such occasions one may witness the folk games and folk dances of dozens of countries. There are municipal water carnivals, with row boat, canoe, swimming races and fireworks displays. Day-long lights the river-front for night bathing, and conducts a municipal dance-hall. And the city gives entertainment of a more intellectual kind. Its municipal concerts, where the Metropolitan Opera stars and the works of the greatest composers may be heard, have demonstrated the power of music as an educative force in a democracy.—Burton J. Hendrick in Harper's Magazine for June.

### A BIT OF VERSE

THE LISTENING PATROL  
With my bosom friend Bill, armed ready to kill,  
I go over the top as a listening patrol.  
Good watch we will keep if we don't fall asleep.  
As we huddle for warmth in a shell-shoveled hole.

In the battle-lit night all the plain is a light.  
Where the grasshoppers chirp to the frogs in the pond,  
And the star-shells are seen bursting red, blue, and green.  
O'er the enemy trench just a stone's throw beyond.

The grasses hang damp o'er each glowing lamp  
That is placed on the ground for a fairy camp-fire.  
And the little breezes wheel where the mice squeak and squeal,  
Making sounds like the enemy cutting our wire.

Here are thousands of toads in their ancient abodes,  
Each toad on its stool and each stool in its place,  
And a robin sits by with a vigilant eye  
On a grim garden spider's wife washing her face.

Now Bill never sees any marvels like these  
When I speak of the sights he looks up with surprise.  
And he smoothes a yawn, saying:  
While the dustman from Nod sprinkles dust in his eyes.

But these things you'll see if you come out with me,  
And at my side in a shell-shoveled hole,  
Where the fairy bell croons to the ivory moon,  
When the soldier is out on a listening patrol.

—Patrick McGill.

### A BIT OF FUN

Good Riddance  
He—If we should elope would your father pursue us?  
She—No; I think he would move so we couldn't find him when we got ready to come back.

Pleading News  
Enraged Creditor—I've had enough of mounting these stairs every day to collect this bill.  
Cool Debtor—Well, I have a bit of good news for you. To-morrow I move down to the basement.

Information  
Mrs. Kowler—The noise at the front must have been awful with all those immense guns going off.  
Mrs. Blunderby—My dear, they never could stand it if they had something they stuff in their ears—gun cotton, you know.

Another "Howler"

On the examination paper of an engineering college one of the questions ran: "What steps would you take in determining the height of a building, using an aneroid barometer?"  
Answering this, one youthful aspirant wrote: "I'd take a string and then measure the string."

### Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Miss Kitty made the class rise a competition on dogs for homework today, this being mine.

#### DOGS.

Dogs are many kinds but only 2 sexes. People have them all over the world, and they can be told right away by their bark, even in the dark. The dogs in Belgium pull little wagons to earn their living, but if the dogs in this country that they had to do that, they would get very indignant, proving everything depends on what you are used to.

Dogs express their feelings with both ends, barking with one and wagging with the other. Little dogs generally have littler barks than big dogs, but they can bark about 5 times as fast as big dogs, thus making up for it. Dogs that bark the most are not always the most dangerous, altho the most people are afraid of them, which proves that aversion is a great thing.

No matter how short a dogs tale is, the dog tries to wag it when it wants to express itself with that end. Some dogs tales is so short that the dog has to wag everything else at the same time, making it look much happier than a dog whose tale wags all by itself.

Dogs favorite food is meat and bones and bones with meat on, but they have been known to eat everything that anybody else ever ate.

When a dog is no speckle kind of a dog it is called a mongrel. It is not considered a honor to be a mongrel, but the mongrels don't seem to mind it, probably being because they don't know it.

### THE WALKING CLUB

There is one form of recreation which I would advise the revived—the old-fashioned walking club.

So far as I am aware the walking club is now extinct. Here and there, perhaps, may still be found a few enthusiasts who tramp for long tramps through woods and fields on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

But they must be very few. The bell of the walking club was sounded when golf became the fashion and automobiles the rage.

I cannot help regretting this. Golf and automobile are delightful, I readily admit. They give us special advantages of no small value. Yet some things they do not give which the walking club of other days afforded in rare degree.

Chief among these is a leisurely, intimate contact with Nature, a production of quiet contentment, a perception of life's deeper realities, and a sense of real social solidarity.

Golf, to be sure, is a "social" game. And it brings us into direct contact with Nature, as does the automobile.

But on a crowded golf course, and with mind intent on the game, the contact with Nature is all too slight.

Nor can the automobile claim any great degree of intimacy with Nature as he goes whirling along at thirty or forty miles an hour. What he is after, and what he gets, is a sense of uncommon nervous and mental exhilaration.

Does he really need this, especially in these days of innumerable incitements to nervous stress?

Of course it is good for him to be out in the fresh air, as it is for the fowler.

But is not the supreme need for both automobile and golfer—for all of us—some mode of occasional recreation which, while giving us outdoor exercise, will free us from all feeling of strain and effort and once more give us the quietude of kinship with simple things?

This need the walking club used to meet when life was not nearly so strenuous as it now is. It might pay us well to organize walking clubs anew.

No expensive equipment is required—merely some rough clothes and a stout pair of boots, thick-soled and comfortably fitting. Then, in company with a little group of congenial people, a train or street car ride—or an automobile ride—to the open country.

Once in the country, remote from the hurly-burly of the city of our daily life, the walk begins. Perhaps it takes us along the course of a winding brook, perhaps over rugged hill-sides, perhaps across verdant meadows.

We need not walk many miles, and we must not walk fast. That would rob us of our chief delights—quiet observation of the country through which we walk and quiet conversation.

We shall find plenty to talk about. Themes will crowd in upon us, and different from those associated with the routine of life. Perhaps not at first, but surely we shall be led to raise our conversation to a far higher level than is our wont.

We shall discover in our friends possibilities—ideals, ranges of thought—which we never dreamed they possessed. We shall make like discoveries even we regard to ourselves.

Not exercise merely, but mental strengthening, spiritual broadening—that is what the walking club can and should give us. And that, clearly, is of great significance in the successful shaping of our lives.

### Alkali In Shampoos Bad for Washing Hair

Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains too much alkali, for this is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

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