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## THE ILLITERATES.

A city clergyman was recently called upon to perform a marriage ceremony, and discovered that neither the bridegroom nor the groomsmen could sign their names. If a census were taken of all the illiterates in New Brunswick it would be a startling revelation. Leaving the adults out of the count, how many children are growing up in ignorance? The agent of the Children's Aid Society not long ago found a family in St. John county where there were a number of children of school age, of whom none had ever attended school. How many such families are there in the province? We are not doing our duty as citizens so long as we tolerate conditions that deprive children of proper educational training. There is need of a province-wide agitation to make school attendance compulsory in every district. The state must recognize and perform its duty to the citizens of the future. This should be one of the great reforms of the reconstruction period. Equal opportunity does not obtain where numbers of children are permitted to grow up in ignorance; nor can such children, as producing factors and as citizens, when they grow up, give the state the intelligent service which should be required of them.

## THE CASE OF BULGARIA.

Bulgaria is said to be quite confident regarding her future, and disposed to make large claims at the peace conference. There is a little matter, however, that Bulgaria must explain. Her treatment of prisoners has been atrocious. A correspondent of the London Times says: "The sufferings of war prisoners have been cruel and deliberately inflicted by brutal officers. Semi-official information says that out of 100,000 interned Serbians only 63,000 survived. Out of 6,000 Serbian prisoners at Paskov camp, over 5,000 succumbed. At the Roumanian prisoners' camp at Rastchuk 800 out of 400 succumbed. Two hundred and fifty British prisoners, captured seven weeks ago near Dolan, were deprived of their boots, puttees, tunics, and forced to march to Sofia, a distance of nearly 100 miles barefoot, with no other clothing than their shirts and summer shorts, and no other food than what they could pick up in the fields by the roadside, consisting of onions, roots and a few grains of raw maize. The journey lasted sixteen days. These particulars were given me by five men of this unfortunate band whom I questioned separately. Prisoners who tried escape were usually shot down when discovered. A French captain tells me that when recaptured after having escaped, he underwent three months solitary confinement, on black bread and water."

Another report says: "Greek and Serbian civilians brought across the border from Serbia and Greek Macedonia have also been treated with great cruelty, and those who have succumbed are a larger number than those surviving. The Greeks were told that those who could work for their living would not be interned. The work to be done was breaking stones on roads, and no exceptions were made. Old and young men, women and children, people of all classes have been condemned during eighteen months to unceasing daily toil. Their food has been such as beggars would have refused. The whip was freely applied. There is no shadow of doubt that slavery of the worst type known in history, ancient or modern, has been practiced on a large scale in Bulgaria and a stern punishment must be imposed on Bulgarians, and there ought to be heavy reckoning for those responsible."

It is evident that the Bulgarians did not need to receive any lessons in "kultur" from their German allies. Neither did the Turks, although there is no love lost between Turkey and Bulgaria. It was even intimated that after the latter surrendered to the Allies her soldiers were quite ready to march against Turkey. German, Turk and Bulgarian must all be brought to justice for their treatment of prisoners and the massacres for which they are responsible. And this will be done, not in a spirit of revenge, but for the safety of future generations. It must be made clear for all time that among nations as well as individuals the laws of humanity must be observed.

A Washington dispatch says that conservation which will make possible the sending of 20,000,000 tons of food for 800,000,000 hungry people in Europe was urged upon the American people through the intense campaign which opened Sunday. Each day of this week will see a special feature of conservation emphasized. The food administration has issued a large number of posters bearing the words, "Don't stop saving food," which will supplant the war conservation motto of "Save food."

An excited Ottawa correspondent of the Standard appears to fear that Canada is to be deprived of her rights at the peace conference. Why not wait till we hear from Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues who are in England? They ought to know.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

St. John Standard to Hon. Dr. Roberts: "And for the benefit of that minister (Hon. Dr. Roberts) who is a member of the Board of Education, the Standard desires to repeat that the Board of Education has refused to pay salaries of teachers for time lost through that minister's own orders, although it is quite possible that during the past few days public sentiment in different quarters has compelled the board of that Board to reconsider his former decision and to hand over the money as should have been done in the first place."

Superintendent of education to secretary of Campbellton school board: "Replying to your letter of October 28, I may say, in accordance with the provisions of Section 122, School Manual, teachers are entitled to both government and district pay for any time during which the schools have been closed by order of the board of health, not exceeding three (3) months."

Now let us see if the Standard will tell its readers the truth about this matter.

There seems no doubt, from the views expressed by men of high authority in Allied circles, that Armenia will be freed from the rule of the Turk. Even since the war ceased there have been massacres of Armenians. In 1915 three millions of Armenians were driven out of their homes, and hundreds of thousands of them were killed or died in the desert. It was one of the most awful horrors of the war. But the remnants of these people are still in danger, not merely from the Turk but from starvation. Help must be sent to them, and when the peace conference is held they must be freed forever from the tyranny of the Turk. An appeal in their behalf is to be made in Canada and the United States in January next, and it is one to which the response will be the more generous because the war is over and both the Hun and the Turk brought to their knees.

New Brunswick extends a very cordial welcome to the Governor-General, and will be glad to see him again at a less inclement season, when the province will present a more attractive outward appearance. To the hearts of the people all seasons are alike, and a representative of the king who shows as much interest in the welfare of Canada as has been shown by the Duke of Devonshire will never lack a welcome in any province in Canada. Following a long line of distinguished governors-general the Duke has been true to the traditions of the office and interested himself personally in the life of the people.

The ending of the war has not affected the generosity of the American people. The Bangor Commercial says: "The final figures for the American war fund are \$20,170,000 and it is by far the largest sum ever raised by voluntary gift in the history of the world. The fact that the armistice had been signed and that it was realized that the war was over did not interfere with the size of the public offering, at least did not prevent it from overrunning the goal that was set."

With the Allies demanding his extradition, and a growing agitation in Germany for his return to that country for trial, William Hohenzollern must now be beginning to entertain some doubts about the efficacy of "the good German sword" to place him on the throne of the world.

The quarrel between the Poles and Ukrainians over the possession of Lemberg may have to be settled by other powers. The jealousies of small states will be one of the difficulties to overcome in the re-making of the map of Europe.

"The guilt of starting the war lies with both German and Austrian militarism," says the German secretary of foreign affairs. This is a late confession, but he might have said further that Austria was under the thumb of Germany, who was the real culprit.

It is now said that Bavaria is veering round again in favor of unity with the rest of Germany, and that the government which has declared for separation may be overthrown.

The Prussians, who violated Belgium in 1914, had to endure the humiliation on Sunday of seeing Belgian troops march into Aachen, in Rhemish Prussia.

The board of trade is right in insisting that aid granted to a shipbuilding project should be based on the certainty of the operation of the plant.

The Standard has a particular reason for its effort to create prejudice in Campbellton against Hon. Dr. Roberts and the provincial government.

An all-Russian government, with a volunteer army, under the protection of the Allies, would seem to be a favorable solution of the Russian problem.

## A ROYAL REGENT



Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia has been appointed regent of the Jugo-Slav state by unanimous vote of the new council of Serbians and Montenegrins.

## LIGHTER VEIN

Dual Music. Patience—"Do you know the name of that piece?" Patience—"Do you mean the one he was singing or the one he accompanied was playing?"

No Separation in Sight. Mrs. Mark—Mrs. Skinner tells me that her husband is an ardent lover of books. Mr. Mark—I wish he'd prove fickle to two volumes of mine which he enticed away more than five years ago.

No Change at College. "It seems odd to me that a student's life should be so monotonous." "That's easy to explain. One so seldom receives a check from home that he gets no change at all."

A Man of Insight. Mrs. Blank—John, I spoke to papa about taking you into the business, but he says you have too many vague ideas. John—Hurry! That's clever of him. My first wife's father used to say I had no ideas at all.

A Round-About Method. "Pa, why do you always insist on my singing when Mr. Binley comes here?" "Well, I don't like the fellow, and yet I hate to come right out and tell him to go."

Unrepentant. Alice—So Maund is divorced. I thought when she married in such haste that she would repent at leisure. Kate—Oh, there's no repentance in her case—she gets \$200 a month alimony.

Stating it Modestly. The pugnacious individual who monopolized the only seat in the park, together with his Great Dane dog, attracted the attention of a dear old lady. "Dear me," she said, "what a fine dog; suppose he'll kill a rat?"

Just Missed Perfection. When Mrs. Langtry was at the summit of her beauty and fame, she met at a dinner an African King who was visiting London. She did her best to please the dusky monarch and evidently succeeded, for he said to her as they parted: "Ah, madam, if heaven had only made you black and fat you would be irresistible."

Described. "Pa, what is chess?" "I don't know exactly, my boy, but it's something they always bring order out of."

True. "What spoiled children they have!" "Yes, last night a neighborly dog except us seems to have spoiled children."

Foolishment. There once was a youngster named Pringle. Who sat down and wrote a short jingle. His dad said: "A poet?" "Well, not if I know it." And then he applied a hard shingle.

## A QUEBEC EDITOR SOLDIER.



Major Henri Chasse, M.C. of Quebec was the first French-Canadian journalist to enlist in August, 1914, he then being news editor of L'Evenement. He went overseas as lieutenant in the 22nd Battalion; was wounded in June, 1916, and again in 1918; returned to his unit in August last and is now second in command.

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## CODFISH TALKS

Issued by Canada Food Board



BAKED COD. Wipe the fish and place it on a buttered baking tin. Prepare a dressing of bread crumbs, savoury herbs, parsley, pepper and salt. Bind it with a little beaten egg. Put this over the fish and season. Add to the top a little fat in the form of dripping. Bake in a moderate oven for ten minutes for every pound and five minutes extra. Serve with Hollandaise sauce with the addition of some anchovy, or any other sauce that may be preferred.

## Food Board Flashes

Sugar regulations are necessary in Canada for a while yet because the shipping can only be released from war purposes gradually and it will take time for the sugar supply to get up to normal. A good crop is maturing in Cuba, and it is hoped to have it distributed after the war. But in the meantime Europe is still on reduced sugar rations, and though Java sugar will be available when the ships can be released to go for it, this will be a matter of time when there is such a demand upon shipping for all sorts of necessities. Canadians have had a plentiful supply of sweet-stuffs commencing in the autumn, but the hard-baked sugar is still scarce across the Atlantic.

## CUMBERLAND BOY NOW U. S. BANK PRESIDENT

In a recent issue of the San Diego Union is the following: "The ownership and organization of the United States National Bank were made public yesterday in an announcement by Col. Fred Jewell, who retired as president. Duncan MacKinnon, United States food administrator, noted educator and a man prominently identified with San Diego Jewell, who retired as president of the institution. Duncan MacKinnon, the new president of the United States National Bank, formerly of the people of San Diego. He was principal of the San Diego High School for a year and a half and for twelve years thereafter superintendent of San Diego public schools. Duncan MacKinnon is a Cumberland county man, a son of Mrs. Catherine MacKinnon, North Shore, and brother of Dr. Barbara MacKinnon, for many years practising her profession in Los Angeles, CAL., but at present staying with her aged mother, whose health is not very good.

"President MacKinnon is a graduate of the Provincial Normal School, New Brunswick, and taught school for a time in one of the districts just outside of Moncton, N. B., and for one or more terms at Westmorland Point, in both of which he was very successful. He is also a graduate of Leyland Sanford University, Cal. While Mr. MacKinnon has been filling a last place under the Stars and Stripes as food administrator, his relatives have also been doing their bit on active service. Lieut. James A. MacKinnon, formerly of Amherst, enlisted with Boyles Contingent in the Yukon, and has now been overseas for over three years; Sergeant Alfred MacKinnon, son of John MacKinnon, who enlisted in Montreal and was killed in action; Sergeant G. Harold Cameron, of Boston, who went over with the American Expeditionary Forces, and who is now in hospital suffering from wounds in September last; and Signaller Duncan MacKinnon, of the War Signal Station, now at Cape Race, Newfoundland, are nephews.

SOUTH END PLANS. There is to be a skating rink on the South End playground. It has been laid off, the stakes and boards laid, and partially banked, and it will be possible to have a rink within a week. William Richards, who lives beside it, has been engaged as caretaker for the season. The executive of the South End Improvement League met last evening in the office of Puddington, Wetmore, Morrison Ltd., with C. M. Lingley in the chair, drew up plans for the rink, and appointed Mr. Lingley, G. N. Hatfield and Thomas Killen as the rink committee. Provision will be made for checking boots and clothing in a shed near the rink.

## BRUNSWICK CHAPTER.

The Brunswick Chapter, I. O. O. F., held a monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Wetmore and there was a good attendance of members. The report, Mrs. W. I. Fenton, was in the chair. Preliminary arrangements for the winter's work were made. A vote of money for the overseas tobacco fund was passed, and it was decided that the chapter should undertake the making of clothing for the relief of suffering in Europe.

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## Canada And The Transition Era

Minister of Reconstruction Says Outlooks Promising—Appeals for Co-operation—Government to Finance Purchases

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The Hon. A. K. Maclean, minister in charge of the reconstruction and development committee of the cabinet, in the course of a recent statement said he did not believe that Canada would experience any dislocation as regards the sudden transition from war activities to peace conditions. He did not apprehend any resulting unemployment and unsettledness incidental to the transition. The minister considered that Canada was in a very happy position to meet the demands which would be made upon the farms, fisheries, forestry and mines of the dominion, adding that there would be large opportunities for greatly increased production. This would aid greatly in the work of the absorption into civil life of the returned soldier and also those who were previously engaged in the manufacture of munitions and other war material. Continuing his statement Mr. Maclean said: "It is true that we shall have the closing of some munitions industries and other lines of labor-absorbing business, which would create serious and serious and cannot be solved by government agency alone. There must be co-operation on the part of all—by provinces, municipalities, associations and individuals—all continuing to work patriotically and hopefully together to secure for Canada the victories of peace. "In an economic sense the war is still on, and there is still need for practical patriotism and for sacrifice for the common good. Employers of labor who, generally speaking, are in sounder financial position now than ever before, owe it to the men in their employ, to their country and to the returning soldiers to the fullest possible extent. The question of profit and immediate opportunity for promptly changing plants and outputs to meet new conditions should not be the sole factor with them. If all employers will grasp the real needs of the national situation and the good trade prospects ahead, they will hesitate in suddenly disbanding staffs and cutting down pay lists. Such action would make the solution of our problems increasingly difficult and militate against the business opening both in the home and the foreign markets. "The government is prepared, if necessary, to finance in a large way purchases in Canada for consumption abroad under governmental supervision in devastated and commercially disorganized Europe. Every individual can help the government plan for establishing on broad and permanent lines, Canada's prosperity of peace. A hopeful outlook in business, a common interest in giving employment and in increasing production will be good individual patriotism at the present time and will bring material profit in the days to come."

commandeered by the British, Admiralty for war purposes. They are being used for transporting the Siberian expedition. Now that the war is over, it is believed that at least two of these vessels will be restored to the company and the freight service will also be resumed at an early date. During the visit of the Japanese delegation, the Japanese Consul, Mr. Ukita, gave a dinner in their honor and the other guests included leading members of the Board of Trade. Mr. Ukita said that Vancouver should send a trade delegation to Japan to study the cogitations there. A great market could be found there and much benefit would result. H. G. White, chairman of the foreign section of the Board of Trade, said that Japanese banks are to supply direct banking connections with Japan. Traders have hitherto lacked facilities in that regard. Letters of credit now had to be sent via San Francisco, which meant a loss of time and expense. He proposed a Japanese section of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Mr. Yamashina said they were not seeking trade expansion, but they were not

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going to enter into any trade war. Japan was going to engage in peaceful competition without any feeling of antipathy. In referring to the trade situation between Japan and China, he said that the big obstacle in the way was that China continued to use the silver standard currency. It should adopt the gold standard. Your Labor Counts—every ounce of work you do helps some soldier who is fighting over there! This war is being fought as truly in the household and in the work-shop as it is in the trenches. Some of our Canadian women are borne down physically and mentally by the weaknesses of their sex. They suffer from backache, dragging sensation, very nervous and pain in top of head. If they ask their neighbors they will be told to take a Favorite Prescription of Dr. Pierce's which has been so well and favorably known for the past half century. Weak women should try it now. Don't wait! Begin today. This woman's tonic and nerve will bring vim, vigor and vitality. Send Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c for trial pkg. tablets. "Patsy, One—'About three years ago I was ill in bed and suffered severe pain. The doctor said I had gall stones, but his medicine did not help me. A neighbor had been taking Favorite Prescription and it had benefited her so much that she urged me to try some of hers, and that first dose helped me so much that I sent once for a bottle. I was very much surprised at the prompt relief this medicine gave me after the doctor had failed, and I have never had such a spell since, but whenever I take the Favorite Prescription again for a few days. It has never failed me to restore me to perfect health.'—Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, P. O. Box 752."

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