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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.

WAR TIME AND THE RAILWAYS.

The Canadian Railway Association for National Defence, an organization of the leading railway men in Canada, which has taken to itself the duty of making the railways of the country possible value to the nation in this time of war, in its latest bulletin, brings home to shippers of freight some pertinent facts which, if generally known among shippers, might tend to greater economy of freight car space and an enhanced freight movement.

The Railway Association, which is headed by Baron Shaughnessy, and which includes on its executive such well known transportation experts as Howard G. Kelley, Sir William Mackenzie and Alfred H. Smith, starts its second bulletin by telling shippers that the average Canadian freight car is loaded to but forty-six per cent of its capacity. Shippers are wont to regard this as "nobody's business" but their own, as they pay the carload rate and may think they are entitled to waste car space if they choose as long as they are willing to pay for it.

But that is not the point. All Canada is vitally concerned in the individual shipper's treatment of his freight car. The waste of car space is not only his "business," but the country's "business" as well. The essential point is this: There are fewer freight cars in Canada than are needed every day. Munitions shipments and shipments of most essential supplies, such as food, coal, and raw materials, are being held up every day because of lack of cars. In such a case shippers are prone to blame the railways; that is wrong, for the responsibility rests on their own shoulders. If every shipper would see that his cars were filled to full cubic or weight carrying capacity it would be possible to release at least half the cars now in use and the freight car capacity of Canada would be practically doubled.

In this war we are urged to consider economy of everything, food, coal, clothing, supplies of all sorts. Why should we not consider economy of car space? Already Canadians have been urged not to travel for pleasure and thus take up capacity in passenger cars that might be used for the transportation of soldiers necessary in win this war, or result in a saving of motive power that might be employed to carry necessary freight. Why should not the same appeal be made to freight shippers who, while paying car rates, load their cars to only half capacity?

We all know, or we like to think we know, that, to carry on a successful campaign in the field, an army must have an adequate supply of all things necessary to that campaign. In the case of Canada few of those necessary articles are manufactured on the seaboard and it becomes necessary to transport them to the seaboard from inland points. Does the shipper who utilizes but forty-six per cent of his car space realize that the empty fifty-four per cent might be saved to the country by the practice on his part of a little real war time economy?

New Brunswick has many firms shipping goods. Let them seriously regard the request of the Canadian Railway Association for National Defence and load their freight cars to capacity. Then they will be giving a real assistance to those who are working to win this war. Also, they will be better Canadians and bigger men if they make the effort.

GLORY, HALLELUJAH!

One of the changes in the election result brought about by the soldiers' vote is that Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior in the Laurier cabinet, who, during the debate on the Military Service Act, proved one of the most bitter critics of the Government, has been beaten, although in the voting of the civilian electors on December 17th he had a majority.

Mr. Oliver, in addition to opposing conscription, opposed the formation of Union Government and was bitter not only in the opposition he manifested personally but in the tone of his newspaper, the Edmonton Bulletin. Day in and day out the Bulletin has been indulging in editorial diatribes against the Union Government and calculated to arouse strife between the various sections of Canada. For instance, a few days ago, it contained a lengthy editorial based on the publication of a list of casualties of western men, when it immediately demanded to know whether the men of Eastern Canada were doing their share in this world war, or whether western Canadians were placed in the most hazardous positions, where the loss of life would be the greatest.

No Western newspaper desires to

follow the Bulletin in its sectionalism but, at the same time, it is but fair to say that the Edmonton regiments will have to fight a long time before they equal the record or the proportion of casualties sustained by the men of the "Fighting 26th," or of the original 15th Battalion of the First Contingent, which was made up practically in its entirety of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia volunteers.

Mr. Oliver is a "little Canadian," and while his defeat will mean the removal of a picturesque figure from the House of Commons, it cannot be said that the ability of that body will be seriously affected. His opposition to compulsory military service and to Union Government has always been something of a puzzle to members of the House of Commons and the press correspondents in the gallery for there is every personal reason why he should forget the bitter partisanship of party politics and join with bigger Canadians in the support of everything making for a united Canadian war effort.

Mr. Oliver is not disloyal; he has taken an active part in recruiting and patriotic movements in his native city and province. His own blood has paid the price of loyalty "in Flanders fields." But he is, above all, the narrow Laurierite, and Parliament is well rid of him.

THE FREE KINDERGARTEN.

No cause, removed from the activities of war, for which an appeal can be made to the people of St. John merits more general support than the Free Kindergarten, and The Standard earnestly hopes that when this organization, on Tuesday next, asks our citizens to contribute to their funds the response will be so generous that the work of the Association can be continued unimpeded for the coming year.

This newspaper has always maintained that the Kindergarten should form a part of the public school system and be maintained by all the people as the other divisions of the public schools are now kept up. The School Board has decided that they are unable to undertake the additional expense involved and, possibly, since this is war time, their decision was wise. After the war is over, however, and we are visited with that prosperity which all agree will be Canada's portion, the Kindergarten work in St. John should be taken over by the Board and maintained as a department of the public schools. Then, and only then, can it be developed to its full possibility.

In the meantime the Kindergarten movement requires funds, and to secure them a committee of energetic lady workers will canvass the citizens on Tuesday. We bespeak for them a hearty welcome and a generous response. Educationists everywhere have testified to the value of Kindergarten work and to the splendid training it affords for the more serious studies to follow. The children of the country are the country's best asset and their training along the lines of useful citizenship cannot begin too early. That is the need the Free Kindergarten supplies. That is the big reason why Tuesday's canvassers should return with their banks well filled.

THE CAPTURE OF JERICHO.

Another step toward the fulfillment of the British plan to free the Holy Land from the domination of the Turk has been gained by the capture of Jericho, which success went to the credit of the Australian troops on Thursday. The cable announcing the capture says that the incoming troops encountered little opposition, and after completing the occupation of the village, are now in positions on the Jordan ready to continue the pursuit of the beaten Turks.

British forces now dominate the Jordan valley and control the highways leading from Jericho. The next step will probably be to cut the railway between Damascus and Mecca, which can be reached by a journey of twenty-five miles from the present location of the British. The capture of this railway would cut the Turkish line of communication with Arabia and would prove of assistance to the Arab tribesmen who are co-operating with the British against the Turks.

The gain at Jericho is a minor success and can have no effect on the campaign in any of the other areas. As a fighting force the Turks are already demoralized and Germany has shown a disposition to eliminate them from her considerations. It is not by captures of Jericho that this war will be won, and in fact, one of the members of the British House of Commons, criticizing the war policy of his government, took the ground that the cause of the Entente would be better

advanced if minor operations, such as the campaign in Palestine, were abandoned and all attention centred on the Western front, where, he claimed, the final issue must and will be decided.

The criticism of the British member was not well grounded. One of the difficulties Britain has had to contend against in this war is that she has been forced to operate in many different zones. In Palestine, in Persia, in Egypt, in Africa and the islands of the Sea she has had forces of considerable size. And they have done splendid work with the result that the Teutonic allies have already been soundly beaten in every area save those where the major operations are going forward.

To free the Holy Land from the un-speakable Turk was an enterprise upon which Britain could not fail to engage, and one which, once undertaken, must be continued until the effort is crowned with complete victory.

A BIT OF VERSE

SEE IT THROUGH.
Daniel David, in Toronto Mail and Empire.

They've gone to fight for you and me,
Four hundred thousand strong;
They went with cheers upon their lips,
And in their hearts a song.

They've gone to fight for you and I,
I may stay at home our trades to ply,
In comfort and in peace.

They went to face the gas and guns
Evolved by German Kultur.
To face rats and lice, and cold and wet—
Hell turned loose amidst blood and sweat.

They faced it all without regret,
So you and I may never lack
The protection of the Union Jack.

Try to estimate the sacrifice
Of the greatest treasure—human lives.
That has been made for you and me,
Four hundred thousand went across;
You and I know how great the loss
Has been. Some have returned—but
left behind

An arm, a leg, an eye or mind.
Some are neither here nor there,
Having given their very lives.
Without a murmur, without complaint
They went to their home in Paradise.
What are you doing in this great
cause?

Have you suffered any great loss
To make you worthy of them?
From over the sea, on earth and
above,
Comes a trumpet call for help;
On this great day it is up to me and
you

To show our soldiers what we can do
When we are called to the front line—
Think of the men in the battle line—
What they are giving for yours and
mine.

And yet we are not asked to sacrifice
A single one of our precious lives
By this clarion call for help.
We are only asked that in gratitude
We shall at least provide with food
The wives and babies of the men
Who are dying for us in France.

What can you do,
What will you do
This day for the men in France?
Shall we leave their
Wives and little ones
To live alone by chance?
Think of the hell of mud and blood
They are wading through.

A BIT OF FUN

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES
"What animal," said the teacher
of the class in natural history, "makes
the nearest approach to man?"
"Please, sir, the flea," answered little
Bobby Jones.

GRATITUDE.
Gratitude is knowing how to pay a
kindness in more than one way. A
hungry and cold wanderer of the
road was fed and warmed in a min-
ister's kitchen. When he rose to go,
he said, "Parson, I can't give you any
money, but I know how to fix your
gas meter so it won't register."

STUNG!
"The authorities ought to get these
swindlers! I sent a dollar in answer
to an ad. 'How to make butter from
grass.'"
"What did they say?"
"After you get the grass ready, give
it to a cow and then churn the milk!"

SPEAKING OF BRUSHES.
We quote from a shower bath advertisement:
"Let us send one of our salesmen
to call upon you and demonstrate
these brushes in actual use."
My dear, I should expire!

SOME DANCE.
Sign in a Hamilton dance hall:
"Use check room. Absolutely no
clothes allowed in this room."

SOUNDED LIKE TROUBLE.
"In Omaha," says a New Yorker
whose business keeps him on the
road quite a bit, "the general breed-
ness of the West is shared by the
waiters in the restaurants."
"A legal light of that town recently
entered an eating house and was im-
mediately approached by a waiter
who observed cheerfully:—
"I have deviled kidneys, pig's feet
and calves brains."
"Have you?" coolly asked the
lawyer. "Well, what are your troubles
to me? I came here to eat."

Suggestion On Eczema

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

The Park Ave. News.
Sports. Artie Alexander slept all night at his cousin Benny Potters
house last Saturday on account of the next day being Sunday, and they
had a contest to see with one wood wake up first in the morning, both
of them being woken up by Mr. Potts' snoring with a rolled up
newspaper, making the contest a tie.

Sisley. Miss Mary Watkins has had her initials engraved on all her
pencils, being did by Mr. Sid Hunt with his new pen knife, taking him
all last Sunday afternoon on account of Miss Watkins having 14 pencils
including stubs.

Most Of Them Do.
War Pome by Skinny Martin.
He saw a bullit coming,
Jest before he breathe his last.
Wy didnt he dodge if he saw it
coming?

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Much Excitement, Benny Potts, Sam Cross, Leroy Shooter and Puda
Stinkins had something drop sounding like money last Thursday after-
noon, and they hunted around for about 15 minutes and then Sam Cross
found a nail, with must of bin it.

Personals. Sam Crosses black cat has 5 yellow kittens, being quite a
coincidence.

RUSSIAN SITUATION HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH WEST FRONT

Russia No Longer Military
Factor and Further Ger-
mans Advance There the
More Men They Will Need.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The American
general staff is watching the German
sweep into Russia with little more
than academic interest, quite con-
vinced that Russia is no longer a military
factor to be considered and that the
situation has little bearing on the
present, at least, upon the other bat-
tle fronts.

Observers, both here and in Russia,
it is understood, are satisfied that as
the German drive continues it will
meet with more resistance. The
greater the distance the Germans ad-
vance, the more effective would be that
resistance, the military experts say,
since it would require great numbers
of troops to maintain the German trans-
portation lines and give the best op-
portunity for guerrilla warfare. Eventu-
ally they think the vast extent of Rus-
sia territory and the great population
will form a more definite movement of
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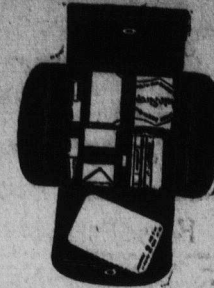
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