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Demobilization.

While the war is not over yet by any means, and more men must be sent overseas for some time to come, there is a growing feeling that the end is in sight...

Many of the best authorities believe that the demobilization should be spread like the mobilization, over a term of years. Should a body of 400,000 men be poured into Canada...

The men released from military service after the war must have work and a living provided for them if we are not to face anarchy. A sudden demobilization would almost certainly have this result.

There are three classes of returned men in evidence at present, and it must be said for the great majority that their conduct is admirable. There are those who are unfit to work and must be provided for.

There are also, unfortunately, a class who are fit to work but do not. Some of these men think the country owes them a living and there are all stages of reluctance to turn to the drudgery by which the most of us earn our living.

Issues of the Battle. There has been some not unnatural nervousness as to the issue of the huge offensive directed by the Germans against the allied armies.

Those who are disheartened by the retreat of the British know little about fighting. The man who can step levelly in the ring generally gets the decision, and it is the knockout blow that is needed to secure a decision.

they are clumsy in their estimates. Von Hindenburg gave it out with great pomp that he would be in Paris on April 1. It was a party of business men who came to tell him that German could not hold out till May...

There is another reflection which will not sweeten German thoughts of the battle, tho it should increase respect for the "contemptible little army." It should also encourage our nervous friends. It is the fact that the British forces which met the Germans and held them in the eight days' retirement were eight divisions with three in reserve...

It will probably be found when all the returns are in that our men killed as many more Germans than they themselves numbered, and probably twice as many casualties in all occurred in the German ranks as there were British engaged in the retirement.

The New Labor Party. A reasonable moderation marked the conclusions of the convention of the Ontario section of the Labor party of Canada last Friday. A working basis was arrived at by which all the various labor and social organizations in sympathy with labor aims could co-operate on one political platform while pursuing their own several aims.

The increasing business of the Yonge and College branch of the Royal Bank has necessitated the building of a new office at 454 Yonge street, just above College. The new building, which is 25 feet by 80 feet, is a distinct departure from the branch bank architecture in Toronto.

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AGAIN PREMIER OF CHINA. Tuan Chi-Jui Appointed and a New Cabinet is to Be Formed. Peking, March 30.—Tuan Chi-Jui, the former premier, has again been appointed premier in place of Chin Nun-Hsun, the acting premier.

STERN RESISTANCE OF FRENCH CHECKS GERMAN ATTEMPTS

Von Hutier Fails in Trying Methods Found Successful Against Russians. IN RECKLESS ATTACKS Enemy General Throws Many Divisions Against Allies at Lassigny.

FLIGHT OFFICER C. C. FRANKLIN of Port Rowan, Ont., who was killed in an airplane accident at Seaford Camp, England, left Ottawa October 11, 1917, with a draft of men to train overseas. He graduated from the College of Pharmacy, Toronto, in 1916, and trained until Christmas, 1916, at Greenwich Camp, England, and from there went to Vendome Camp, France, where he remained until February 15, going back to Seaford Camp to complete his training.

TONS OF EXPLOSIVES DROPPED BY BRITISH

Despite Rain, Aviators Kept Up Activity Over Battlefield in France. MUCH AMMUNITION USED. Bapaume and Villages East of Arras Still Made Targets for Aircraft.

London, March 31.—The British official report on aviation reads: "During Friday morning low clouds and rain greatly interfered with flying, but in spite of the weather, valuable work was accomplished by our airplanes. Our machines concentrated their efforts upon the battle area south of the Somme, where observers previously had reported large columns of the enemy advancing from the east. Many bombs were dropped and thousands of rounds of ammunition were fired upon these columns."

FRENCH WITHSTAND FURIOUS ASSAULT

Terrific Battle Develops on Front of Sixty Kilometres. Paris, March 31.—The battle on the Moreuil-Lassigny front continued the whole day and extended along sixty kilometres, says the war office announcement issued today. The German assaults, multiplied in force, were incessant, but French counter-attacks everywhere stopped the onslaught.

GERMANS ENTER DEMUM VILLAGE

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MISSIONARIES SPOKE

The Easter services of the Salvation Army yesterday were made especially interesting by the presence of a party of missionaries now in Toronto, on their way back to India. They addressed meetings in the Lisgar and Dovercourt Citadels, and also at the Albert Street Temple, telling of the progress of Christianity among the Indians.

ALL FOOLS' DAY



THE WOMAN WHO CHANGED

BY JANE PHELPS. CHAPTER XLIII. After many conferences we had decided upon a costume for my dinner. Merton Gray had declared that he would have to sit up nights to paint the place cards, if we didn't make up our minds very soon. We finally gave up the idea of having the guests follow any one period too closely. I meant lots of work and expense. So we decided upon a sort of Dolly Varden costume for the women, and short breeches and ruffles for the men. And wigs, of course, that is, wigs for the men; and a choice of either wigs or powdered hair for the women.

Nothing more was said of my awkwardness at the restaurant, nor of my giving way to tears on the way home. But I knew that Mrs. Sexton had felt chagrined, and, strangely enough, I felt more so because of her. I was mortified, too, that any friend of George's should see me make such a faux pas, and I knew that Merton Gray had also seen me spill the coffee, and had turned away to save me embarrassment. I hoped that George would not hear of the incident. I came very near asking Mrs. Sexton not to speak of it to him, but I couldn't quite get up my courage. George would be at home in a few days. Mrs. Sexton had gone back to her quiet, friendly manner of the first days when we were alone. I once more was beginning to like her. She let me alone most of the time, only insisting that we keep up some reading and our talks on the duties of a hostess. "Your husband must not feel that we have played all the time," she remarked. Madge Loring finds herself De Trop. Merton called one afternoon to talk over the place cards. He wanted the list of the guests, etc. We had only just commenced to talk when Madge Loring was announced. Mrs. Sexton had a headache, so Merton and I were alone. At first I was tempted to say, "not at home," then thought better of it. The servants would think it queer. So I told James to show her in. "I fear I am de trop," she said, after we had talked a few moments. "You were busy," glancing at the open desk, I had received her in the library. Now I was sorry I had not gone into the drawing-room. "I was helping Mrs. Howard in a trifling matter," Merton Gray volunteered. "How fortunate you are!" she turned to me. "To have Mr. Gray's help is indeed a compliment. I felt myself blushing, and hated myself for doing so. I could not very well explain that he was helping me with a dinner party, when she was not to be invited, so I changed the subject by remarking: "I am sorry Mrs. Sexton has a headache. She is staying with me, but felt too ill to come downstairs tonight."

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