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"We are fighting for a worth-while purpose, and we shall 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.

SIR GEORGE E. FOSTER'S MESSAGE.

Yesterday's message brought by Sir George E. Foster to the young men of the loyalist City of St. John, to gird on the armor of the King and go forth to fight the battle of liberty against oppression, of free British institutions against the Kultur of Prussian militarism, was rendered even more effective and significant by the fact that even while the large audience in the Imperial was sitting enthralled by the fire of his words, armed men were marching through the streets outside bound on the last lap of their journey which would take them from their homes to Canadian shores none to sail for the battlefields of France and Flanders.

In the theatre one of the Empire's greatest orators was urging the young men of this city to do as their brothers had done and respond to the appeal for volunteers. Outside, men who had already heard the call were marching proudly confidently away to bring new honors on their homes and the flag for which they had signified their willingness to face, if need be, the supreme test.

It was an inspiring occasion and one the memory of which should linger long in the hearts and minds of those who heard the eloquent speaker make his earnest appeal.

Sir George, who has enjoyed opportunities, given to but few men, to study this war, raises his voice in protest against the belief that victory is almost in sight. He admits that the task is more than half completed but deprecates the prevalent idea that Canada has done all she need do to bring about that much desired goal—a victorious peace. Canadians, men and women have done well and nobly, they have offered their loved ones on the altar of patriotism without a murmur of complaint but the time for sacrifice has not yet passed. It is necessary that there should be a further effort in order that that already made may not fall of full effect. At the present time Canada is not recruiting men in sufficient number to meet the wastage in the armies that have already won for this country undying fame and unless we stand prepared to reinforce the gallant men already sent to the front with others equally gallant, equally capable, the task will not be completed.

It will be an everlasting disgrace and shame to Canada if the splendid regiments now on the battlefield are allowed to quiver away because of the lack of volunteers to replace those who have fallen, yet this is what will happen if sufficient men are not enrolled to carry on the work of those gone before.

Sir George does not tell a new story but he tells it with compelling force and power. It is earnestly to be hoped that his message will have the desired effect and that today, tomorrow or this week young men who heard him and were made to realize their duty, will visit the recruiting offices and fit themselves for a suit of the most becoming clothing they ever were privileged to wear.

A SORRY PICTURE.

It is a sorry picture that Greece presents to the world today. Compared with her deeds a century ago, when she won her independence, and with-out going into her glorious history dating from the early ages, she now stands out as a people of vacillation, devoid of the red blood which should have driven her into the ranks of the entente from the first shot in the war. Shades of Byron, who gave his life promoting her interests in her struggle for independence! What a sorry spectacle she presents! Great Britain was always her friend, but through the machinations of her Hohenzollern monarch, who is more interested in the fortunes of the German ruling family than in the nation which made him his king, he turned his back upon her ancient friend.

From the first it was evident that the king was not to be turned from his determination to assist the Germans, and the only pity is that Great Britain and her allies did not take the bit in their teeth before and put an end to the assistance given to the enemy. In enemy countries, and from the king himself, a wall has been

sent out that Greece is being coerced and trampled upon by the allies. That she is now being held where she cannot do serious harm to the allies is quite true, but the responsibility rests upon the King of Greece. He has kept his country out of war but has not saved it from disaster. That the Greeks as a nation are not in favor of the policy of their ruler is quite evident from the support given Venizelos, who has set up a Government in one section of the country in defiance of the king. And, says an exchange, we now see Greece rent with civil strife. It has been inevitable to all observers that the allies would have to step in. Matters went from bad to worse, with the king constantly conspiring against the entente, until on October 14 Constantine deliberately violated the constitution when he postponed the meeting of the Chamber of Deputies for one month. The British and French were aware that the monarch had been accumulating war supplies in Thessaly and had prohibited the transportation of Thessalian wheat. These moves could not be misunderstood, and it was patent he intended to stab the allies in the back. Britain and France put their foot down and took practical possession of the country in trust for the people. The future is bleak for Greece unless Venizelos again takes the reins of office. Whether or not the monarch will be deposed is an open question. To use former Premier Venizelos' own words, the king regards the kingdom as his own personal property, and he has rambled away his reputation to further Hohenzollern ends.

GROWTH IN SOUTH AMERICA.

In the search for new avenues of trade which were formerly closed to us Canadians will do well to pay more than passing attention to the great opportunities afforded by the rich and prosperous communities in South America, which for the past few years have enjoyed unprecedented growth and development.

Among the most progressive of the South American states must be ranked the Argentine Republic, and a census of that country that recently completed shows that at the time of taking it had 7,885,000 inhabitants, a showing practically the same as that of Canada. In nineteen years the population of the Argentine has increased by nearly 4,000,000, while one province, Mendoza, shows a gain of 139 per cent., and the city of Buenos Ayres, the capital, increased 137 per cent.

The census also reveals that there is an immense area of the republic that is very sparsely populated, some regions reporting a settlement of but one to five people per square mile.

The country has become a great draw for immigration, some of which comes from nations not generally regarded in Canada as a productive field for emigrants. More than one-third of the entire population of Argentina was born outside of that country, the male inhabitants including 587,000 Italians, 512,000 Spaniards, 55,000 Russians, 52,000 Turks, 44,000 from France, 35,000 from Austria-Hungary, 17,000 from Germany and 19,000 from Great Britain. Other South American countries have also contributed largely to the population of Argentina.

North Americans, who regard South American countries as chiefly remarkable for their revolutions, populated by semi-civilized people scarcely entitled to be regarded as whites, will be interested in learning that for the past five years the gross trade of Buenos Ayres compares more than favorably with that of Montreal, while the total of the trade of Argentina reaches such a large figure as to make that country a most desirable market for such lines of goods as Canada can export there. No communities in North America can show records of growth and development to equal that of many in Argentina, and judging from the census returns there are many respects in which North Americans can well be envious of their South American cousins. Such publications as the Argentine census reports will bring much valuable information to those who read them. For one thing they will establish indisputably that in America all the progress

and growth is not to be found north of the equator.

The Standard this morning carries reports of vigorous recruiting speeches delivered by two members of the Borden Government during the past week, one by Sir George E. Foster in St. John yesterday and the other by Hon. Robert Rogers in Montreal on Wednesday last. Yet the Grit papers would have the people believe that Canada's ministers are not concerned in the effort to fill the Canadian armies.

To the 180th and 222nd Battalions the people of St. John and New Brunswick extend their heartfelt wishes for a successful and glorious participation in the great mission in which they are engaged. The men in those battalions have made many friends in this city and their careers will be watched with keen and kindly interest.

Those Canadians who are demanding a general election should consider the situation in the United States. Suppose an election should be held here and result as closely as that one did. Wouldn't it be one lovely war-time mess?

PERSONAL.

Sir Thomas Gratton Esmonde, Bart., Irish National member of parliament for North Westford is in the city.

Mrs. D. S. Harper of Shediac is the guest of her son, D. W. Harper, and Mrs. Harper.

Color Sergeant Dean of the Halifax staff is renewing old acquaintanceship in St. John. Sergeant Dean is a member of the South African war and is instructing the signal corps.

C. E. Currie of Tracey was at the Dufferin yesterday.

J. M. Spear and W. P. Erb of Sussex were guests of the Dufferin on Saturday.

James R. Hawthorne of Fredericton was at the Royal Saturday.

Lieut. Col. Percy A. Guthrie, M. L. A. of Fredericton is at the Royal.

J. T. Whitlock of St. Stephen was at the Royal Saturday.

J. F. Tippet of St. Andrews was a guest of the Royal Saturday.

William W. Powell, G. E. Holder, W. F. Urquhart, J. Laidlaw, C. E. Logan, W. Patrick, F. P. True and A. S. McKinnon of Moncton were guests of the Victoria.

W. P. Alward of Fredericton was at the Victoria Saturday.

B. F. Hay of Chipman was at the Victoria Saturday.

F. P. Hunter of St. Stephen was at the Victoria Saturday.

William O'Neil of Wolford was at the Victoria Saturday.

F. S. Clinch of Clinch's Mills was a guest of the Victoria Saturday.

W. E. Edwards of Fredericton was at the Victoria Saturday.

P. P. Collins, James A. Skeggs, W. S. Morrell, C. R. Brewer, G. D. Moore, H. H. Graham, Charles Ross and C. B. Drake, all of Fredericton were guests of the Park.

W. G. Campbell of Salisbury was at the Park yesterday.

G. O. Wortman and G. H. Arseneau of Moncton were at the Park Saturday.

Mrs. Lou Marsh, who was a guest at the Prince William Apartments while her husband, Major Marsh of 180th Battalion was here, returned to Toronto last night.

Miss Edith Stairs of Halifax passed through St. John on Saturday on her way to Montreal where she will be the guest of Mrs. Leon Curry.

Mrs. John H. MacLean, of Halifax, is the guest of Mrs. H. G. Black, Orange street.

Mrs. H. A. Morris, Dorchester street, has returned home after spending the summer in Ontario.

Mrs. Arthur J. deFonville will leave on Thursday for Vancouver to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Tompkins.

OBITUARY.

Joseph C. Rayworth.

After an illness of about five months Joseph C. Rayworth, M. A., professor of mathematics at Washington University, St. Louis, passed away on Saturday morning at the residence of his father-in-law, W. W. Hawker, 260 Prince William street. Deceased, who was thirty-nine years of age, leaves besides his wife, two brothers, Lorne and Arthur, of Redvers, Sask. He was born in Sackville, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Bolivar Rayworth, of Upper Cape. He was educated at Acadia University and Yale, graduating from the latter institution in 1906 with an M. A. degree. He afterwards took two post-graduate years at the

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THIS WEEK.

The Park Ave. News.

Weather. Easy to go to sleep and hard to get up. Sports. A root beer drinking contest took place in Pude Simkin's kitchen on Saturday, the contestants standing in a line holding bottles of root beer just made by Mrs. Simkins, and when Pude sed, Get ready, set, go, they all started to drink out of the bottles, the idea being to see which one could drink the most without stopping to breathe. The contest was won by Artie Alexander drinking 3 quarts of a bottle without breathing, which he stated he would break his own record if all the contestants hadn't run out the back way like the dickens on account of hearing Mrs. Simkins coming down stairs.

Sisley News. Mr. Sid Hunts big brother Fred was observed coming out of the house last Tuesday evening with a white flower in his buttonhole. He was followed for a block and a half by a large and enthusiastic crowd, consisting of Mr. Benny Potts, Mr. Sam Cross, Mr. Charles Simkins and Mr. Lew Davis, all indulging in suten expressions as O rudes, O joy, O proens and O pursimtina.

THE LONESOME FLEA.

Poem by Skinny Martin.

A little flea sat on a rock
Making a miserable sound,
For he didn't know what to do with himself
On account of no dawgs being around.

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university, which qualified him for the professor's chair at Washington University. He went to the institution in 1908 and accomplished much success, and was highly esteemed by the entire faculty and by all the students who passed under his tutorage.

George E. Burgess.
The death is announced in Beverly, Mass., of George E. Burgess, formerly of Moncton. He was twenty-eight years of age and is survived by his mother, four sisters and a brother.

James P. McMahon.
Many will learn with regret of the death of James P. McMahon which occurred on Saturday at his home, 49 St. David street after a short illness. Besides a loving mother and a fond father, the deceased leaves to mourn two brothers and six sisters. The brothers Wilfred L. and Fred McMahon, both reside in the city. The sisters are Mrs. W. J. King and Miss Catherine McMahon of Portland, Me., and the Misses Florence, Sarah, Grace and Alice at home.

Miss Annie Greenfield Wood.
Miss Annie Greenfield Wood, assistant superintendent of nurses at the New Hampshire State Hospital at Concord, died recently after serving the state for seventeen years. Miss Wood was born in River Hebert, N. S., where interments occur.

Oldest Man in Maine Dead.
The death is announced in Bangor of Deacon Elanathan F. Duren, the oldest man in Maine. Deacon Duren was born on Jan. 14, 1814. He lived under twenty-five presidents of the United States.

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