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## MORE MEN NEEDED.

Kitchener wants another army of 800,000 men. The call comes to Canada, to New Brunswick, to the city of St. John. It should stimulate public interest in filling up the ranks of the 26th Battalion and in recruiting another. Time is an essential element in this great war. All the men needed will be needed as soon as they can be trained and equipped. The losses in Belgium and France are heavy, and the report from the Dardanelles yesterday said that victory there was "only to be gained by more men and a continuous supply of ammunition." Lord Kitchener speaks hopefully of the situation in regard to the ammunition supply, but he wants another 800,000 men. These must be recruited and trained. In Germany every man is a trained soldier, and does not need to be schooled in ordinary drill or even in rifle shooting when called to the colors. This fact gives that country some advantage in a hurried mobilization of new forces, and while the greater initiative of the Canadian soldier may offset this to some extent, he nevertheless needs training. We must therefore set about this business more seriously, realizing the immense effort that must still be put forth by the British Empire, and Canada's duty to do her full share. There is talk of a coalition government in England, to consolidate all parties for the tremendous task to be performed, and we in Canada must also set aside our differences if we are to see this thing through and feel at the end that we did our best.

## OUR SPLENDID BOYS

The last few days have brought a large number of letters from New Brunswick soldiers who have been in the deadly fighting in Belgium. They tell of terrible experiences and of ghastly scenes witnessed, and of heavy losses sustained. They tell also of German trickery and brutality, and disregard for the Red Cross and its noble work. Ambulances are destroyed as quickly as ammunition wagons if the Germans can get the range. There is one striking feature of all these letters that marks our fighting sons as real heroes. Not one of them complains, or expresses regret that he went to the front, or wishes himself home again. But they do write with pride of the splendid courage and fighting quality of all Canadians in the trenches. One thought of this at the Imperial yesterday afternoon when the "massed school children sang patriotic songs in honor of Loyalist Day. Only a few years ago many of these heroes in Belgium and France, of whom some also will not return, were just ordinary St. John school boys, learning the lessons now being taught to the lads of a younger generation. The thought should make us more heedful of our boys, as to the physical and mental training they get, the proper supervision of their playtime, the provision of everything needful to develop the most vigorous and intelligent manhood. We trust the boys of today will not be called to the field of carnage when they grow up, but they will be the builders of the newer and greater Canada, and for that high task they should receive the best training it is in the power of this generation to give them.

## AMERICANS AROUSED.

The Bangor Commercial observes that "the Lusitania affair has gone far toward opening the eyes of Americans to the horrors of German militarism. Reviewing the Bryce committee's report on German atrocities the Commercial adds: 'Here is the crushing indictment—the statement of the members of the commission that the murders, the atrocities and terrible abuses of non-combatants were part of a system of general terrorism, authorized by the German government and designed to break down the spirit of militarism among the Belgians and cause a cessation of their resistance to German advances. If the commission is correct in its assumption, and it produces evidence, that these terrible crimes were deliberately committed by design of the German government to break the spirit of the Belgians and French, then the responsibility of the German government is a staggering one, for there can be no military justification for such unspeakable horrors as those related in detail and with great circumstantiality by the commission in its report which will today be generally accepted, although in the early months of the war it would have been greeted with great skepticism.'"

Germany is now trying to convince the United States that England is entirely to blame for the affair of the Lusitania. It is a vain task. The eyes of the people of the great republic have been opened. Prussian militarism will stop at nothing to attain its end, and must therefore be crushed so utterly that never again will it be in a position to murder and loot and destroy as it has been doing since August last.

## THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

An exchange dwells upon the importance of cleaning up a city and of all its citizens getting the fullest possible information on matters relating to public health. The following illustration is given of what has been done in New York state in the one matter of the pre-

servation of infant life, and it is full of interest to the people of every city:—"When Yorkers can drop from 132 deaths of infants under one year to each thousand born, to 88, in the course of a year, there is promise of further reduction in the future. Rochester has made the best showing in the state, reducing its rate from 97 in 1910 to 84 in 1914. The five boroughs in New York city have dropped from seven to 18 respectively, bringing the city as a whole from 102 in 1910 to 84 in 1914. The effort of the city of New York has been conspicuous in this movement to save child life, and the results are shown in its improved mortality rate, that surpasses by six points the rate for the combined cities of the state. This stood in 1914 at 100, to which it had dropped from 109, the figure for 1913. Albany reduced its rate from 147 infant deaths to each thousand of births in 1913 to 127 in 1914."

## PLAYGROUNDS.

They have a vigorous Playgrounds Association in Somerville, Mass., and it is heartily supported by the citizens. A Somerville paper says:—"Somerville is undergoing a survey by Rowland Haynes, field secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America, with the object of determining in what way the city may increase the usefulness of its present park system. The experts are asked to determine, first, how much public recreation opportunity is required to meet the needs of Somerville children, young people and adults; second, can the city facilities be used more extensively for recreation purposes to meet the need; third, what is a feasible programme for securing such a complete recreation system for the city."

There are still some people in St. John who talk at the name playgrounds, and ask why anybody should give money, especially in this year of war, to encourage playground work. There are no children in St. John who need any better playgrounds than they have. Of course such persons speak in ignorance, and the sad part of it is they make no effort to learn the truth. There is none so blind as he who will not see. Those who do know, however, and their number increases every year, rejoice to learn of anything that is done in St. John or any other city to provide better means of supervised recreation for children, and more park space for adult citizens.

Lord Kitchener says the British must fight gas with gas or with some equally effective weapon. Germany at least cannot object to a dose of her own medicine.

If a coalition government should be formed in England as is now suggested, it would bring together the strongest men of all parties and produce one of the most remarkable cabinets in British history.

If the Empire savers who have been journeying striving to stir up political strife in Simonde and Lancaster and other parts of the country, as well as in this city, would get up a series of recruiting meetings they would be doing the Empire a real service.

The latest bulletin issued by the Canadian Red Cross Society from its head office in Toronto says: "The Red Cross is an heraldic symbol agreed upon at Geneva in 1864, as rendering neutral all persons, supplies and buildings under its protection. It can be used only for the aid of the sick and wounded in war."

It is now conceded that Russia has lost much ground as a result of the Austro-German drive in Galicia and the Carpathians, and one correspondent says that the result will add some months to the duration of the war. If Italy comes in, however, the Austrians will have another enemy to deal with, and fewer men to hurl against Russia. The news from Italy grows more and more warlike and the break may come at any moment.

Mrs. Kubring and the members of the Women's Canadian Club were rewarded for their labors by the splendid success of the Loyalist Day celebration by the school children in the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon. The scene was an inspiring one, the programme entirely suitable to such a patriotic occasion, and the crowded theatre and the enthusiasm were abundant evidence of public appreciation. It was a notable demonstration, long to be remembered by the children, some of whom have brothers fighting for the flag they honored yesterday.

## A COLONIAL SOLDIER.

(Westminster Gazette.) Born on the broad Canadian plains, he died in narrow Flanders, nigh the grey sea-side. Grandson of England, hasting ere her call, Ranked with her sons he won the right to fall. Unnoted, Yet with those who save her fame, He lives, bright atom of her deathless flame. —W. P. REEVES.

## ROYAL YEAST CAKES



## UNDER THE BLACK FLAG.

They say the buccaners have passed. That pirates now are out of date. That Captain Kidd and such at last Have all been wiped from off the slate. Have humor this—a brand as keen As any comic opera prank, As long as in some submarine A German mongrel waits the chance.

You think the Black Flag out of date? That "skull and bones" no longer fly? The murder-loving "second mate" With love of torture in his eye? Gone? Yes, but even at his worst Back in some dim, barbaric year, No pirate warred on women first Nor murdered children with a cheer.

Chief of the world-famed buccaners To whom the pirates' game is big, Poised beyond unnumbered years, To war beneath the Sable Flag— Come—come—ye old throat-cutting hand— We entreated Rogers and Laflamme— Salute ye now by sea and land Where your red chief, the Kaiser sits.—Granland Rice.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

A Scotchman who resided at the foot of a hill had a cow, but was rather short of grass for her. The honest man, not knowing what to do with the cow, tethered her on top of the hill, where she got little or nothing to eat but heather. A neighbor on seeing this remarked to the crofter: "Och, yer cow has naething tae eat on the top o' the hill!" "She has nae muckle to eat, but she has a gran' view," was the reply.

"Do you believe the world is getting better or worse?" "Better."

"Why do you think so?" "Our baby has cut all his teeth, and it's meaner than ever."

"Boots by Smith, costumes by Robinson, wigs by Jones, scenery by Dingbat," muttered the man in the midwest. "What are you driving at?" asked his neighbor.

"I'm trying to discover who wrote the play."

"I must say these are fine biscuits!" exclaimed the young husband. "How could you say those are fine biscuits?" inquired the young wife's mother. "I didn't say they were fine. I merely said I must say so."

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