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NINETY-SEVEN DAYS

This is the ninety-seventh day since Hon. P. G. Mahoney was appointed Minister of Public Works. He is still Minister of Public Works—the big spending department—though rejected by the people. How much longer will Lieut.-Gov. Wood permit this gross violation of the principles of responsible government to continue?

THE WAR NEWS

Another week begins with news of gains by the Allies on all fronts during Saturday and Sunday. The Russian advance continues, and the enemy defences from the Pripiet Marshes to the Roumanian frontier, held by them since last winter, have been broken down. The town of Mariampol, seven miles from Halich, which is the key to Lemberg, has been taken, along with half a dozen fortified villages before Tarnopol. Whether the Austro-German armies are planning a counter stroke, as some observers believe, in order to check the Russian advances, remains to be seen; but that they have the men and the guns to do it, when the Italians, British and French are also making gains seems very doubtful.

The Italians are pursuing the great advantage already gained and continue to drive the Austrians from fortified positions. On the western front both French and British appear to have made breaches in the German third line, and have successfully resisted every counter attack.

Thus on every front the enemy is giving ground, and the moral effect of continued Allied success, even though it be slow at times, is an element in the case the full effect of which it is impossible to gauge. Up to the present time the German soldiers and people have been nursed on assurances of final triumph. Whether the growing consciousness of defeat will weaken their resistance, and to what extent, cannot be foreseen. Of the final result there can be no doubt, but when the collapse of the Central Powers will occur is still a question none may answer. We would expect a great effort on some front if the men and munitions were available, but it really does not seem possible after two years of war, and with the Allies pressing with such deadly force on all sides, that Germany could afford to risk another great offensive in any direction.

News comes also of continued British success over the sea and there is no cause for disquiet in that direction. Sir Ashmead Bartlett believes the time is at hand for Roumania to strike, and if she does, with the aid of the Allied forces at Saloniki, both Turkey and Bulgaria would soon be eliminated and the situation of Austria and Germany made more desperate.

ON THE RIVER

From a verandah on the hill at Public Landing last evening observers saw a perfect double rainbow of such brilliance and beauty as is seldom seen in this latitude. One foot of the arch rested on the hills and the other on the river. Between the inner and outer circles a broad belt of mauve color was clearly marked for the whole half circle. There were three distinct lines of pink in the inner circle of the rainbow, one above the other, and all the colors appeared with a distinctness rarely witnessed. So wonderful was the phenomenon that one gazed in delight until the colors faded and the rainbow disappeared. There had been a dense black cloud to the northward, out of which presently came a shower of rain, much heavier up river, and as it swept across the valley the rainbow formed. Then on the hill was seen also the phenomenon of sunshine and falling rain. The hills beyond the river were still in shadow, but soon after the bow had faded the sunlight burst upon them, and they stood out in vivid green, a picture of indescribable beauty. Across the southern sky two great banks of clouds were united by a narrow bridge, and the effect was presented of giant cloud towers and peaks on either side with a slender span across which one might imagine traffic passing to and fro.

The brief storm passed, the river, whose surface had been black and ruffled by wind and rain, became placid again, and down by the shore one saw small fish leaping, flashing silver for a moment, and farther out a salmon leaping its full length into the air, making a splash whose widening circles were visible from the beach. Across the river, flying high, came a long and trailing flock of crows, winging their way to the deep woods. There must have been nearly a hundred in the flock. And then, still later, when the last warm tint of sunset had faded in the west, above a thin shimmer of white cloud rose the full moon, throwing a great path of silver across the waters and shedding a soft but glorious radiance over the summer landscape. On such an evening one is thankful to be with Nature, and to respond to such an appeal to the senses and the feelings as comes not where brick and mortar mark the sky-line and the noises of the street disturb the spirit.

The harvest excursions will be doing something for the Empire, but a lot of them would look well in khaki.

UNREST IN GERMANY.

Although the majority of the German Socialists support the government, there is a minority which denounces the war in unparaphrasing terms. The following is a copy of a manifesto distributed by this minority, to stir up a feeling of discontent among the people:

"The inevitable has arrived—famine in Leipzig, Berlin, Charlottenburg, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Osnabruck, and many other places. Riots have taken place in front of the provision shops, and the only solution the government is able to find is re-enforcing the state of siege and an appeal to the sabres of the police and of armed force! The government ought to have known that the consequence of a war against France, England and Russia would have been the blockade of Germany. The responsible authors of the war whine that 'wicked enemies encircle us.' But why did they let themselves pursue a policy which led to this encirclement? The whole Imperialist policy of conquest is a crime, and the German government has pursued this Imperialist policy, thanks to which it has entered on a conflict with all the other states, and has had to humiliate itself to an alliance with that political corpse, Austria, and with that miserable Turkey which nothing can save from bankruptcy."

"One would have thought that the government would take measures against famine, that the government does nothing and for the mass of the people the gravity of the situation is apparent. It is said, 'We must hold out.' . . .

"We were fed on fairy tales about the effect of the submarine war, whereas it is impossible to arrest the commerce of England, even if Germany possessed the times as many submarines as she has. Our eyes were dazzled by the tale that an attack in the Balkans would give us air, and that Turkey would supply us with food. That vision has been dispelled. Now we are told about the next crop, which is to put an end to all our woes. It is one lie the more. The crop can not give us what we need."

"We have a food dictator. Too late! It is no longer a question of sharing out, because there is nothing to share. What is to happen? We could continue the war another six months, and perhaps a year, but the future generations will be sacrificed. To the dead and mutilated of the battle-fields will be added the sacrifice of the women and children. With its victims, German militarism is driven from an impasse. Women and children of the people, make your voices heard at last, and for women's pass to acts. Down with the war!"

That St. John needs an abattoir has been known by some people for thirty years, and the need has grown. Halifax has set the pace. St. John should have led, but having failed to do so it should not be too far behind.

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Sir Sam Hughes announces that Canada will produce that 500,000 men. Why does not Sir Sam come home and help to get them? The war has lasted a long time and it takes a long time to train soldiers. Anybody can talk. The war minister should do more.

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The British, the French, the Italians and Russians have all demonstrated their ability to drive through the enemy's lines, which were fortified by months of most careful and scientific labor. It follows that they will continue to drive through until the enemy is finally beaten.

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The opposition primaries in St. John are to be held on Thursday evening of this week. The places of meeting, as announced in this issue of the Times, is important that all who desire a change of government at Fredericton take an interest in these meetings, which will elect the delegates to the nominating convention. The opposition candidates in St. John should be strong men, such as will command public confidence and support. The business of the convention will be to choose such men, and the primaries should send delegates who are eager to bring about that result.

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The Rotary Club and the people of Westfield and throughout exceeded their hopes on Saturday. The day was delightful, the crowd enormous, the whole affair organized to a nicety, and money was gathered in at an amazing rate. It was worth a lot to see grave and hard-headed business men throwing off their cares and doing anything from buttering bread to filling ice cream cones, or selling soft drinks, or "barking" for the special attractions in a manner to rouse the bitter envy of professionals. The like has not been seen in these parts, and a merrier crowd of people never got more enjoyment out of helping a good cause.

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An enigmatic bird taken up his own house but although he worked hard, he found little to reward him for his labors. One day when he was very much depressed by the situation, a stranger accosted him and asked:

"Why is it that nobody fishes in the river today?"

"Ain't no fish," the farmer grunted.

"How is it that there is no fish in such a fine river?" asked the other.

"Stranger, if you could get out of this barren country as easy as a fish, kin, do ye reckon ye'd stay?"

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I cannot say, and I will not say That he is dead—he is just away.

With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand,

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And left us dreaming now very fair It needs must be since he lingers there.

And you—O you who the wildest years For the old-time step and the glad return—

Think of him faring on, so dear In the lore of There as the love of Here.

And loyal still, as he gave the blows Of his warrior strength to his country's foes.

Mild and gentle, as he was brave— When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things; where the violets grew Pure as the eyes they were likened to.

The touches of his hand have strayed As reverently as his lips have prayed.

When the little town thrush that harshly chirred

Was dear to him as the mocking bird;

And he pined as much as a man in pain

A writhing honey bee wet with rain— I think of him still as the same, I say; He is not dead—he is just away!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Murphy was in the hospital and had undergone an operation. As he was recovering he remarked to the patient on his right: "I am thankful that's over."

"O," exclaimed the patient, "at my operation the doctor left the scissors inside and I had to undergo the same again."

The patient on his left remarked that at his operation the sponge had been left and had to be gone over again.

Just as they had finished talking the doctor appeared at the door and asked: "Has any one seen my hat?"

He—No, but now he wishes she was— Judge.

She—There come the Gilmores. I always liked Mr. Gilmore. He is such a nice man.

He—So he is, but he is never satisfied. Before their marriage he said he wouldn't have an angel for a wife.

She—Well, she isn't one, is she?

He—No, but now he wishes she was— Judge.

She was from Boston; he from Oklahoma. "You have traveled a great deal in the west, have you not, Miss Bacon?"

"O, yes, indeed—in California, and Arizona and even in New Mexico."

"And did you ever see the Cherokee strip?"

There was a painful silence, but finally she looked over her glasses at him and said: "Sir, I deem your question exceedingly rude."

The Seen and the Unseen

A prisoner was arraigned before the criminal court. Present in court were Lawyers Smith, Brown and Green.

"Where is your lawyer?" inquired the judge.

"I have none," responded the prisoner, "haven't any money."

"Do you want a lawyer?" asked the judge.

"Yes, Your Honor."

"There is Mr. Smith, Mr. Brown and Mr. Green," said the judge, pointing to the young attorneys waiting briefcases and breathless for something to turn up.

"And Mr. Alexander is in the corridor."

"The prisoner eyed the budding attorneys, and after a critical survey said: 'Well, I guess I'll take Mr. Alexander.'"

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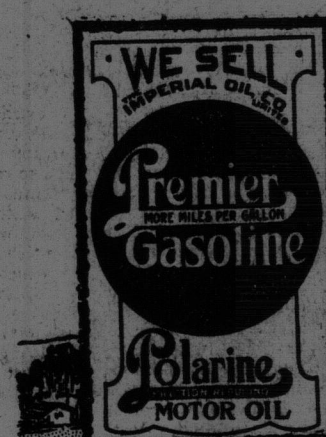
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GREAT SUCCESS WAS SISTER SUSIE'S DAY

Thousands at Westfield for Rotary Club's Patriotic Fund Outing

Hundreds of friends of the estimable Sister Susie called at Westfield on Saturday and were extensively entertained by her and as a result many dollars will be added to the Patriotic Fund. The affair was well planned, well attended, and most successfully carried out.

This was the second outing held under the auspices of the Rotary Club of St. John. They were assisted by the residents of Westfield and other places in that district. The grounds at Westfield were

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well adapted for an outing such as was held on Saturday. By the middle of the afternoon the grounds were crowded by men, women and children, to enjoy the cooling breezes and the pleasant offerings of Westfield beach. The many colored and bright summer dresses of the ladies and children mingling with the decorations on the grounds made a picture of

scene. The services of the City Council Band were offered for the day and their playing added materially to the enjoyment of the affair. When evening had come the golden sun sank behind the hill tops, the grounds were softly lit with electric lights that were installed for the occasion.

The summer evening never seemed more beautiful than when the various colors of the decorated booths mingled with the colored electric lamps inside the some one that will long be remembered by those there. Altogether it was a great day and a grand success and everybody was satisfied. It was estimated that at supper time about \$8,000 had been made, and it is understood that the affair of Saturday brought the receipts far in advance of that secured at Hampton. The rain of Saturday night interfered very little with the affair as the people were about to leave for the city when it came.

The day was a success and this special volume for those who organized the various amusements. Everything went off in first class order and throughout the entire day there was not one minute lost as things went with a swing from the start to the finish.

TALKS MATTERS OVER WITH THE MOVIE MEN

Moving picture exhibitors of this city were the hosts on Saturday and yesterday for twenty theatre owners from the three provinces, who gathered here to discuss trade problems with F. H. Richardson, of New York, editor of the projection department of the Moving Picture World.

Following the last show at the Imperial on Saturday evening, Mr. Richardson gave an informal talk to the visiting movie men as well as of the local theatre managers.

A party of 100, including Mr. Richardson and his daughter, left at 10:30 yesterday morning on the steamer Lord Kitchener for a sail on the river, going as far as Brown's Plains and returning again about four o'clock.

STARTED A FIRE. A cigarette stub thrown from the wharf while the steamer Governor Ding-

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key was being unloaded on Saturday afternoon, is believed to have become inclosed in a 200-pound bale of cotton and to have been responsible for a small fire that occurred in the freight shed afterwards. Officers of the shed removed the bales to the street and the fire was soon extinguished. More than 400 passengers were listed on the Saturday trip of the boat from Boston.

DECORATED GRAVES.

Three hundred members, representing the four lodges of the "Prentice Boys," marched from the West Side hall yesterday and conducted the annual decoration day exercises of the organization. Headed by the Temple of Honor band, the members paraded from their hall to Cedar Hill Cemetery, where the graves of deceased brethren were decorated with flowers. During the services, special mention was made of the fallen heroes, Rudolph McKel and Frank Thomas, who were members of the society.

All the administrations of German military hospitals and prison kitchens have received an order to collect the grounds of coffee, which will be dried and, after scientific treatment, used as fodder for cattle, etc. Other extracts from dried coffee grounds, it is added, can be used for human food.

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