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LOSSES AND GAINS.

The announcement that the British casualties in August were more than 127,000 reveals the desperate character of the fighting on the Somme front, but it also emphasizes the need of more activity in recruiting in Canada. The depleted ranks must be filled, and men are not trained in a day. The military expert of the New York Times describes the British loss as staggering, through far less than that of the Germans at Verdun. He says it is possible that the British gain of territory is not proportionate to the loss suffered, but adds that it is too early to pass judgment. We quote—

"It is too early as yet to pass judgment. A situation is entirely conceivable where an enormous sacrifice is justifiable for an apparently insignificant end when it paves the way for one very much greater and really makes the more important result possible. We must wait and see what the ultimate outcome is before taking stock of the situation. There will be in a position to measure values. Unfortunately, the Germans do not publish their losses, at least in such a way that they can be identified as certainly in this list of the British. But it is practically certain from the nature of the fighting and from the known favored tactics of the German army that the first two months of the Verdun offensive, comprising as it did the hardest fighting for Douaumont, Vaux, Le Mort Homme and Hill 304, were greatly in excess of those suffered by the British in the battle of the Somme."

Heavy losses are to be expected because of the fact that the Germans are doing their hardest fighting against the British, and that the conditions on the western front are so different from those in the east or the Saloniki front. Wherever an advance is made by the Allies, however, the effect is the same. In the end the weak point in the enemy's defence will be found and pierced. But the depleted ranks of the armies must be filled. Is Canada doing her share?

A MOVING SPECTACLE.

There is always joy in reconciliation, and the glad embrace in which the Frederick Gleason has now clasped the Hon. B. Frank Smith thrills us all with sympathetic fervor. Everybody felt that they should never have been estranged, they had so much in common in their views of public responsibility, public duty, and private thrift. It was therefore a cause for profound regret when the Gleason one day rather roughly told Mr. Smith that he had caused the party trouble enough. Later, after Mr. Smith had gone to Westmorland county to perform a great task he had failed, the "Gleason guy" observed that the government party required the services of "bigger and broader men." The rupture appeared to be complete, and a perturbed people shivered at what might befall the province if the two isolated on smothering each other's windows.

There can be no doubt that we owe it to Mr. J. K. Fleming, whose persuasive powers are so well known, that the reconciliation has come about. It is, moreover, a striking illustration of the peace-maker's fine spirit of forgiveness, after what Mr. Smith said about him in Westmorland county. Give him credit for that. We can only surmise, of course, what Mr. Fleming said to Mr. Smith, and what he said to the Gleason, but it is safe to assume that he reminded both of the joyous days when the three of them labored together for the moral uplift of the legislation of the province, and how others outside of the legislature rose to the bait and were also lifted up as with a pebble—sometimes also known as a cant-dog. Cant is a very good word in this connection. At all events Mr. Fleming prevailed, and the countless three are once more confronting the cohorts of evil, resolved to carry the standard of purity down the Hamilton road and through the potato fields to the Indian Reserve, and the haunts of railroad contractors and the lumber operators. It is a moving spectacle.

WHERE THE GLOBE FAILED.

It is greatly to be regretted that lack of space prevented the Globe on Saturday from elaborating for the benefit of an unenlightened public some statements made in an article on the crown lands of New Brunswick. For example "It was not until the present progressive government came into power that a policy looking to the preservation of the timber belonging to the province was inaugurated, that the revenue was fully collected, and that business principles were applied to the administration of the crown lands."

The Globe no doubt had in mind the fine service rendered by Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, in that stupor transaction, the particulars of which were revealed at the Chandler investigation. The business principles applied by Mr. Stewart in that and the transaction with the Farm Settlement Board are worthy of much more than a passing word, and the Globe overlooked a fine illustration with which to demonstrate the solemn truth of its important assertion. One demonstration is worth a thousand arguments. And Mr. Stewart is not now in the legislature to speak for himself. But the Globe, warning us to be

subject, makes other important discoveries, which also lend themselves to demonstration, which it unfortunately omits. Thus:

"No previous government has ever so effectively entered into the life of the people as this, introducing latest methods in every department of the provincial service."

It is possible that the Globe meant to say that no previous government has ever so effectively entered into the pockets of the people, and that the word "life" is a misprint; but the really important reference is to the introduction of "the latest methods in every department of the service." To demonstrate this fully the Globe would of course have to print the evidence in the Southampton Railway enquiry, the Dugal enquiry, the Chandler investigation, the affidavits of Mr. H. M. Blair, the letters of Hon. John Morrissey, and the statements of Hon. H. F. McLeod, M.P., and of Lieut.-Col. Guthrie, and this would require much space. Yet it would convince the public as nothing else could do, in these skeptical days when so much of high and noble endeavor languishes for the public appreciation that is cruelly withheld. Undoubtedly this is a great government, and beyond question there was never another like it. There are those so unappreciative and so brutal as to assert there never will be another like it, which makes the Globe's tender devotion all the more pathetic.

The British, French, Russians and Roumanians have all gained ground since Saturday, and the Greeks have come to terms with the Allies.

Read in today's Times what the Conservative Chatham World says about Mr. Fleming and Carleton county, and about the Culligan libel suit. The World strikes from the shoulder.

The war news is decidedly more satisfactory this week, but there are still no such pronounced Allied successes as to indicate an early end of the struggle. The enemy must be worn out, and that will take a long time.

It is an illustration of the changed temper of the German war-lords that discussion of peace by the press of the country is not so rigidly censored as when the war outlook seemed more favorable than at present.

Whether there will be an attempt to make another Teutonic drive, and what front will be chosen, are questions awaiting an answer. Where the Allies will strike hardest is also a query of universal interest. For they have the striking power.

Will Carleton county swallow Mr. J. K. Fleming and his record? The dose was not too bitter for Murray, Landry and the other members of the government—but will the people who have no axe to grind stand for that brand of politics? The province at large certainly will not.

The railroad brotherhoods have demonstrated that they are stronger than the congress of the United States. Under threat of a strike congress passed a bill with feverish haste and the president gave it his signature. Though a compromise, it was a great victory for the brotherhoods.

Had the evening been fine, Labor Day would have made a new record for the old Barreque Square. The people were there, and everything was favorable when the rain came and interrupted the proceedings. All who assisted in the excellent arrangements made for the day deserve hearty congratulations, and it was most unfortunate that their labors were not rewarded with fine weather and larger receipts for the patriotic funds.

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(Sir Henry Newbolt.)
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The dead who died for thee.
Greet them again with tender words
And grave,
For, saving thee, themselves they could
Not save.

To keep the house unharmed,
Their fathers built so fair,
Deeming endurance armed
Better than brute despair,
They found the secret of the world that
saith,
"Service is sweet, for all true life is
death."

So greet thou well thy dead,
Across the homeless sea,
And be thou comforted,
Because they died for thee.
Far off they served, but now their deed
is done,
For evermore their life and thine are one.

LIGHTER VEIN

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effort to satisfy public opinion" in Germany.

A despatch from The Hague says that the changes in the general staff caused a sensation in Germany, where the censor has so far allowed the publication of newspaper comment.

The view held here is rather that in advancing von Hindenburg the Kaiser plays his last trump, that the German people are losing faith in the reports of their own press, and that the Kaiser hopes to revive their spirit by invoking the magic of von Hindenburg's name.

The field marshal's task in 1916 is compared with that of Napoleon in 1814.

The Westminster Gazette draws attention to the fact that "von Hindenburg, von Tirpitz and von Buelow have, as readers of the German newspapers know, become associated in the public mind with the method of ruthless war to the end against the hankering for peace which is attributed to von Bethmann-Hollweg, von Falkenhayn and the Emperor himself."

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