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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not 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.

HIS MAJESTY, THE KING.

Our sovereign, who is 53 years of age today and who has been king eight years, bears as heavy a burden on his shoulders as any of his predecessors of modern times, although undoubtedly he is more favored than some of them in having good advisors. Nevertheless he is a hard worker, and seldom has spare time on his hands in these strenuous days.

He finds time, however, to visit the front occasionally, and he and Queen Mary are frequent visitors of hospitals, training camps and other places which have much to do with the war. King George is always cheerful, and when he meets delegations, they invariably find him democratic, encouraging and one who makes it his business to interest himself in everything that has a bearing on the welfare of his subjects. An American labor delegation which was received by him recently found him democratic in every way. His conversational style soon put the visitors at their ease and they came away highly pleased with Britain's sovereign.

His Majesty's reign will naturally stand out in history as that of the great war and internationally it will probably outrank any which has preceded it, not even excepting that of King George III, who reigned sixty years, and whose otherwise good record was marred by mistakes which cost Britain the American colonies.

King George V. is sometimes referred to as the sailor king, for as prince he was more at home in the navy than in any other branch of service, but it is safe to say that much of his interest during these times is in his valiant army which for nearly four years has faced some critical situations and won many splendid victories.

Because of the critical times the king does not desire an elaborate celebration of his birthday, but wherever the Empire extends flags will be down, and a fervent prayer offered up that a glorious victory may come to the Allied arms and that he may be long spared to reign over a united people and an Empire at honorable peace with all the world.

THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMIES.

Reliable war correspondents and statisticians estimate the total strength of the German army at 5,300,000 men, of whom 3,500,000 are on the western front. In 1914 the German army numbered 2,800,000 men and a year later it grew to 4,800,000. By August, 1916, the German fighting strength was 6,800,000. In August last year the strength was about 6,000,000. Now it is about 7,000,000 less.

The difference between the present size of the army and at the high water mark of 1916 is 1,500,000. Since August, 1916, recruits have been put in at the rate of 600,000 a year or 900,000 in all. This indicates that the German losses since August, 1916, have been 2,400,000. The German army's total war losses have been over 3,000,000 men. The German statistician, Karl Bloch, in Das Neu Europa places the German killed and prisoners since the beginning of the war at 4,456,961. The German government stopped publishing the casualty lists last June, at which time the dead numbered 1,105,160, the prisoners and missing, 591,966; wounded, 2,255,581; total, 4,456,961.

THE HEARST NEWSPAPERS.

There is still much discussion in the United States as to whether the newspapers owned and managed by William R. Hearst have injured the cause of the Allies. Mr. Roosevelt says they have and are still a menace. The board of aldermen of Mount Vernon, N. Y., has voted to prevent the Hearst papers from being sold or circulated in that place. They are still kept out of Canada and the British and French dispatches are not available for Hearst correspondents overseas. The point which Mr. Roosevelt and others urge is that the Hearst journals have strong-ly attacked Great Britain and Japan during the days when the United States was neutral, and that they were fact pro-German.

The Hearst publications now remark that it is no time to impute disloyalty to them when they are wholeheartedly supporting the government at Washington in the war and that what they said during the neutrality days should be overlooked now that the United States is lined up with the Allies.

It may be true that Hearst has seen the error of his ways in respect to having broadcast mischievous propaganda, and he will probably be decidedly careful what is said in his columns while the war lasts. He is believed to be a candidate for governor of New York and a possible aspirant for the presidency, so no doubt he is trimming his sails accordingly.

It is safe to predict that it will be a long time before his venomous and mischievous publications are admitted to circulation in Canada, for the state of public opinion on this side of the border is strongly against their admission. In fact regardless of the war and international questions the people of Canada are better off without the nauseating mess of scandals and similar trash which those sheets have systematically served up since the day they started.

THE DRIVE FOR PARIS.

The Germans continue their drive towards Paris, although the French and their allied aids are stiffening up on the defensive and have given the Boche a decided check since last Friday night. The furthest point reached by the enemy up to Sunday night is Troesnes, which is only forty miles from the Paris fortifications. At Troesnes a French counter-attack threw the enemy out of the town and also from Faverolles, Corey and Longpont, which were at one time all in his possession. These are important railway towns and will doubtless be the scene of further fighting.

The German thrust now constitutes a formidable frontal attack on Paris from the Oise to the Marne and as the battle line advances it is not improbable that the front may also loosen north of the Oise towards Montdidier. The situation is a tense one, but there was every hope last night that Foch would be able to keep the situation well in hand.

We read on Mondays usually how the trees up river are beginning to display their foliage, how the buds are opening and the birds singing, but it was not necessary yesterday to leave the city to observe those very things. They could be discerned right here, and the bright, beautiful weather helped vegetation and encouraged the feathered tribe. However, two or three of the St. John editors have a habit of going up stream over the week-end, and if Public Landing and vicinity get a little free advertising so much the better.

The Prince Edward Island people should be well satisfied with the service to and from the mainland. Beginning today there will be two trips each day daily between Cape Tormentine and Borden. The Canadian Government will not be able to standardize the island railway just now, but it is giving that province a better service than it ever enjoyed.

Many of the theatre patrons Saturday speak of the new tax as a war to augment the sinews of war at Fred. erickton. It is a Foster tax purely and simply and it might be well to call it by that name, for a little more fame won't injure the premier.

Toronto and Ontario will sorely miss John Ross Robertson, who has passed to his eternal reward. He was not only a brilliant newspaper man, but a public benefactor in many other ways, particularly as a contributor to all good works, a generous friend to the young and a patron of art.

It is not likely that many Canadians will participate in the hostilities in the Marne Valley. They will probably remain as part of the forces held farther north to guard against enemy incursions into territory now held by the Allies.

Notwithstanding the serious stage of the war, the June brides will occupy some newspaper space—about each Wednesday of the month.

A BIT OF FUN

WAR PRICES.
 He—I feel like thirty cents.
 She—How things have gone up since the war.—Purple Cow.

NOT AN UNUSUAL SPEECH.
 "Young Gubber made quite a long

speech at the club forum last night."
 "What was he talking about?"
 "He didn't say."—Jungle.

NO OBJECTION.
 Former Mayor Mitchell of New York was talking at a dinner about office-seekers.
 "A good man had just died," he said, "and with unbecomingly haste an office-seeker came after his job."

"Yes, sir, though the dead man hadn't been buried, yet this office-seeker came to me and said, breathlessly: 'Mr. Mayor, do you see any objection to my being put in poor Tom Smith's place?'"

"Why, no," said I. "Why, no, I see no objection, if the undertaker doesn't."—Washington Star.

HAD HER PLACED.
 An old lady was being shown over a country seat in North Wales which is famous for its fine pictures. One of the rooms was a portrait of "Neil Gwyn, after Sir Peter Lely." The old dame gazed at this picture with marked interest.

"So that's the hussy, is it?" she remarked, presently. "But I think I was King Charles she was after."—Tit-Bits.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN ON JUNE 8

There will be a total eclipse of the sun visible in Canada as a partial eclipse on June 8. The Dominion Observatory at Ottawa issues the following data:

The earth moves around the sun once a year, and the moon moves around the earth once a month. The orbit of the moon cuts the ecliptic at an angle of 5 degrees, so that once a month the moon passes between the sun and the earth and once a month the earth is between the sun and moon. In the first case the sun and moon are in conjunction and we have the phase called a new moon; in the second case they are in opposition and we have Full Moon. If the moon's orbit were in the same plane as the ecliptic then there would be always a solar eclipse at conjunction and a lunar eclipse at opposition. As, however, the inclination is over 5 degrees and the combined diameters of the sun and moon as seen from the earth are only about 1 degree, there can be a solar eclipse only when they are in conjunction near the intersection of the moon's orbit and the ecliptic, i. e., near a node of the moon's orbit, and a lunar eclipse when they are in opposition near the same node. When the conjunctions occur within 17 degrees of a node there is a solar eclipse and when opposition occurs within 11 degrees of a node there is a lunar eclipse. There are never less than two eclipses in a year, both solar, and never more than seven, four of the sun and three of the moon. The moon moves from conjunction with the sun to conjunction with the sun again in 29.53 days, called the synodical period of the moon, and the moon moves from one node back to the same node again in 34.62 days.

Since in lunar eclipses the moon, shining by reflected light, is cut off from the light source, the sun, the eclipse occurs at the same time and from the same place on the earth as when it is visible. Occurring exactly at new moon they give a valuable check on the length of the synodical month. Solar eclipses are caused by the moon coming between us and our source of light, the time and magnitude of the eclipse vary according to the position of the observer. At some points there is no eclipse at all, some points it is partial and some comparatively narrow path it may be total, the width of this path being the diameter of the shadow cone cast by the moon at the point where it is cut by the earth. The moon's velocity (synodical) being 2120 miles per hour and the earth's rotation being only 1040 miles per hour the shadow moves at the rate of 1080 miles per hour if it cuts the earth at the equator, and the duration of totality is very short, never more than 7 minutes at the equator. Should all the conditions for a solar eclipse be fulfilled except that the apex of the shadow cone cast by the moon does not reach the earth, then at no point is the eclipse total, along a narrow path however, the sun will appear ringed by fire with the dark body of the moon in the centre. Such an eclipse is called annular.

Though of short duration, total solar eclipses are very interesting to astronomers because of the opportunities given to study the upper strata and corona of the sun and to search for planets between the sun and moon. At no point in Canada is the eclipse total, but it is visible as a partial eclipse in all parts of the Dominion; in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, however, the sun sets before the eclipse ends.

In St. John the partial eclipse will begin at 7:29.46 p. m. The eclipse will be at its maximum at 8:17.56. The eclipse will be total in the Southern States.

THE POLICE COURT

In the police court Saturday morning George Lev and an Indian girl named Florence McIntyre were charged with having liquor in their possession. They were remanded.

Eight boys charged with trespassing on and destroying private property were given some good advice and allowed to go. One drunk was fined eight dollars.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

I had a funny dream last night, dreaming a gracie big giant with a red beard and a cane came up to me while I was eating a hunk of jelly roll about a yard long with just snuff cake on it to hold the jelly together, and he stood there looking down at me, being the biggest giant I had ever saw and farsse looking as anything, and I felt kepp on eating the hunk of jelly roll, saying, Well, who you looking at? Dident you ever see anybody bein' to sleep instead of shaking you awake, for all the effect it has on you, I never saw such a lumpy loppis in my life.

Wood you mind please giving me a little piece? sed the giant.
 I dont like giants, they think they know it all, I sed. And I kepp on eating as if I didnt care weather he got mad or not. Wich I didnt, and the giant sed, Im 16 feet high and I weigh a ton and a half, I need it more than you.
 Tell your troubles to a pieceman, I sed keeping on eating.
 I dont care, I think youre a mean thing, sed the giant.
 Wats that, who is? I dont allow anybody to call me names, giants or nobody elks, I yelled. And I jum ped up and grabbed his cane away from him and gave him a farsse hitting with it, and the giant cried like anything and ran away, me yelling after him, Wats your hurry, you big cry baby?

Wich fast then I wook up on account of somebody having been shaking me for a long while, being pop, saying, You big lassy lummit, do you kepp me to sleep instead of shaking you all day? A peevish might think I was shaking you to sleep instead of shaking you awake, for all the effect it has on you, I never saw such a lumpy loppis in my life.

Yes sir, I sed. And I quick got up.
 Proving wat you do wen somebody calls you names depends on who calls them and you weather you are asleep or awake.

THIS MAN SAYS HE MARRIED A FLOCK AND HOME WAS CAGE

Wife Burdened Him With Mother-in-Law, Brother, Sister, Father, Rung in a Second Cousin, and Other Relatives For Thirteen Years, New York Man Claims in Answering Spouse's Suit.

Take it from Raymond H. Weaver, who resides in New York City, and who sells automobile supplies, his friend named Hyman pulled a boner when he persuaded him to slip the golden band on the finger of Mrs. Caroline L. Weaver, April 28, 1908. When a man marries he takes on himself a wife, not a whole flock of relatives, is Weaver's contention as presented in an answer to his wife's separation suit.

Justice Greenbaum decided that he would have to pay \$25 a week alimony and \$110 counsel fee pending the trial. However, Raymond had his say too the same.

For instance, he announced that his wife was older than he. He admitted occasionally he slips from the fowling bowl, but he scoffs at his wife's suggestion that he wrote her a letter urging that she sue for divorce and state in the paper that he was one of the best pals Barchus ever had.

Weaver complains that his wife burdened him with a mother-in-law, a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, a father-in-law, a second cousin-in-law, and a band of other relatives-in-law.

Found He Married a Group.
 Weaver's affidavit is his own editorial on the felicities and domesticities of marriage.

"At the time of the marriage, deponent was a very young man, very much younger than the lady. She was seven years older. At the time of the marriage deponent knew nothing of his bride's family history and antecedents or position in life, having met only her mother and visited them in Stamford Conn.

"The marriage was brought about through a friend of the bride, an elderly woman, who left no stone unturned in convincing me that she was a very good girl. He found he had married the whole family. Her mother lived with us and later other members of the family began to appear on the horizon and seemed to enjoy visiting us. They visited us to such an extent that during thirteen years of our married life we were never alone in our home."

And here comes the rub—or one of the rubs.
 "My good wife always deported herself toward me as a mother would toward a son she was fond of, particularly in continuously and habitually reproaching me with the fact that I was a young man. She was very kind and business as a salesman, I had acquired most of the vices that go with the business. While my wife wanted me to spend the full returns that were produced by me through my convivial association, she insistently pointed out the error of my ways in manner so kindly, but none the less inopportunist, that I was almost distracted."

Says He Has Paid Penalty.
 Weaver insists in his document that he was "always temperate and moderate." And as demand of the court, "am I to be penalized because I find that I can no longer live with my wife and retain my reason?"

He continues: "True, I have sincerely hoped that my wife would see fit to get a divorce. After thirteen years of reflection on my early indiscretions, I cannot but feel that I have paid the penalty—the only penalty that a good woman could require of her victim."

"But she is suffering from hallucination. She says that I would marry again. That is tommyrot. I have neither the means nor the desire to embark on another matrimonial venture. Do not let me suggest for an instant that I have reflections of an unkindly nature to make upon this lady."

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Mrs. Annie Watkins, New Aberdeen, N. S., writes: "I think it is time for me to give my experience with your wonderful Kidney-Liver Pills. For seven months I suffered with what the doctor called indigestion; but, whatever it was, I suffered terribly. The pain would start under my left shoulder and pass down my side until it reached the pit of my stomach. It just seemed as if the flesh were being torn from the bone. At times I used to go without food from one morning until the next. I had no energy left for work at all. At last our doctor sent me to the hospital for a month. For four days and nights I never broke my fast except for a drink of water. After four weeks' treatment there I returned home, and was back to work within a few days. Then I was told I would have to undergo an operation, but I would not consent to that. At last I read about Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I started to take them. At first I did not notice much difference, but still I kept on using them, and by the time four boxes were used I was perfectly well again. That was in 1914, so you see I can safely say that I was cured. I shall always be grateful to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, as they did more for me than four doctors."

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