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HOLD FAST!

The war news look well indeed. Since July 18th., the British, French, Belgian and American forces have taken 200,000 prisoners on the western front, captured 3,000 big guns, 20,000 machine guns and an enormous amount of material and supplies. They have so shattered the whole German battle line on the western front that there is possibility of the general retreat becoming a rout, according to military experts who have never been noted for undue optimism. The tone of the German press also shows that the enemy at last realizes that he is in serious straits.

The situation in the eastern area of war is equally favorable for the Allies. The "armistice" papers signed by the Bulgarians, really mean an unconditional surrender by that nation. The effect of this surrender upon Turkey and Austria will be far-reaching.

So, events go well now in the battle zones. But the men overseas always did their part and more. The danger lies now as before—at home. Those who were unduly downcast during the dark days of some months ago are now as unduly elated. The war is not yet won, and matters—political or military—can not be eased up now. Hold fast! the British way.

FOLLOW THE LLOYD GEORGE TYPE. SAVE AND SAVE!

It has been pointed out that the secret for the general admiration and respect entertained to-day for Lloyd George is that we know just where to find him. He acts definitely. He is no luke-warm weakling. He fights on. Like our splendid men are doing despite the 25,000 casualties since Aug. 8th. The question is, "Are you doing your part as well?" Have you taken your stand on the thrift question, for instance? Have you definitely decided that out of your good returns this year, you will lay by such-and-such an amount for a Victory Savings account? If you have done nothing in the matter, you are not of the Lloyd George type. You have heard the call to bring your dollars into the service of the country when she calls. Make the decisive move now. Start the fund at once. Be prepared and ready.

It rained a little or a lot (and quite often a lot) every single day from August 26th to September 30th inclusive,—very inclusive.

HAILEYBURY EDITOR ACTS AS JUDGE OF BABIES.

It takes a man of outstanding ability, unusual impartiality, and most striking courage to act as the judge of a baby show. And usually a man of these desirable qualities has sense enough and firmness enough to refuse the job. Always when everybody else refuses voluntarily to be the goat, a newspaperman is conscripted for the service. So it was some days ago at the Englehart Fair. They forced the Editor of The Haileyburian to act as judge at the baby show. He found it (he admits) no easy task to judge an indiscriminate mass of babies ranging in years from two weeks to six by twelve, and running in size from a pint to a barrel. He therefore decided to separate the males and females, judging the girls for their good looks, and judging the boys for a beef type. Even this plan did not work well, so many of the boys being good-looking, and so many of the girls being husky individuals. At least the mothers were getting cross and tired. So were the babies. So was the crowd. So was the editorial judge. So the Haileyburian man made a bold stab at it, reckless like, as it were. He jabbed the red card at one youngster as prize winner. "And we felt more than repaid for all our worry and trouble," (concludes the Editor), "when the little dear poked the card into its mouth, looked up into our face, and in such an affectionate manner said 'Da-da!'"

EVEN NEWSPAPERMEN ARE HUMAN SOMETIMES.

The newspapers of Canada have put up a gallant battle to prevent the paper mill monopolies and combines from profiteering under the camouflage of war conditions. If as determined and concerted action had been taken by the newspapers against all other forms of profiteering, there would have been less of those forms of graft possible or practical or safe during the past four years. Judging from the heading on this little item, the reader may think that That Advance is going to suggest that the newspapers show the human frailty by looking so much more closely after what touches them directly in the pocket. But, no! That is not the idea. The human frailty comes in the fact that like the world at large the newspapers have in a small measure at least failed to see that a few can not unduly benefit at the expense of the many without all in the end being the losers.

BLIND LADY MAKES 751 PAIRS SOLDIERS SOCKS.

The record in making socks for the soldiers overseas seems to be held by Mrs. Reynolds, of Goderich. This lady is 82 years of age and has been blind since the beginning of the war, yet she has knitted no less than 756 pairs of socks for the soldiers since February 1st., 1915. This is an average of over 4 pairs per week. She has received a gracious letter of thanks from Queen Mary for her wonderful work.

SOCIAL CLUB FORMED AT BYRNES CHURCH.

A very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by the members of Byrnes Presbyterian church on Thursday evening. There was a large attendance, a very pleasing program, refreshments, etc., and all enjoyed the evening. One of the features, of the evening was the organization of a Committee to arrange for a Social Club for the winter months. The Committee appointed included:—Mr. R. Sims (chairman), Mr. Nicholson, Mr. W. McHugh, Miss Inglis and Miss Taylor. This Committee has full power to act in the matter and to add to their number for the better carrying out of any plans decided upon. The present intention is understood to be to provide lectures, socials, musical evenings, debates, and similar features during the winter. These events will be held in the church basement, but all will be welcome to them. The chief purpose is to provide wholesome entertainment and high-class literary and musical events for the winter months.

COCHRANE ATTEMPTING TO SECURE MORE COAL.

The town of Cochrane is putting up a battle to secure some coal for the use of its citizens. Mr. H. J. Brown, Town Clerk, has been appointed Fuel Controller for the town, and at a public meeting last week he was urged to secure more coal if at all possible. The allotment made for Cochrane was only 540 tons, and the Light and Power Co., normally use over 600 tons. As the Light and Power plant cannot be equipped for the burning of wood except at prohibitive cost, this means that there is no coal available for private citizens. The Fuel Controller has already received 52 applications for a total of 350 tons for private use, and the effort is being made to have the Provincial authorities revise the allotment of coal, so that the Cochrane citizens may get some relief in the situation.

IT DEPENDS A LOT ON WHERE YOU HAPPEN TO BE.

The Bolsheviks will tell you that judges are an unnecessary evil and a nuisance. Perhaps, they might quote the case of a judge allowing Consovitelli to go free after he had caused much expense to Timmins and had created considerable unrest and ill-feeling. After being freed by the judge he went elsewhere and caused so much more trouble that he had to be re-arrested and then arrested again after that. If aliens can raise so much trouble in a country at war, and still go unpunished and free to do more harm, what good are judges? The Bolsheviks may ask. The Bolsheviks have a different way of their own. According to despatches sent by their correspondents to the Amsterdam papers, the Russian People's Commissary at Vologda has urged on the people of the entire volgoda province the most ruthless persecution of "British subjects and French and American citizens." That the urging was not in vain is proven by other despatches that French and American citizens are being murdered and general rioting is taking place against the citizens of the Entente Nations. Foreigners in Russia, Germany, Austria and Bulgaria are very lucky these days if they can keep alive and well. In Canada foreigners are in a sort of "preferred nations" class and are liable to riot unless they have everything their own way. Judges seem to realize this and act accordingly, but the common people are getting more tired every day.

BOLSHEVIKI PAMPHLETS CAUSE \$100 FINES.

The chief item at Thursday's police court was the fining of two Austrian brothers, Eloi and A. Kuly, \$100 each for having objectionable literature in their possession. Officer Allen gave evidence, and the defendants gave suitable Austrian explanations. A remand for a week was made in the case of the other Austrian, Bokalo, for a similar offence. The old reliable alien-police court customer, Savaf Proux, was fined \$50 and costs under a criminal code charge of gambling, and his companions caught in the raid by Chiefs Wilson and Burke, were fined \$25 and costs. Magistrate Atkinson also suspended a jail term over Savaf. Next times he goes down. The fines go to the Other aliens were fined for not carrying registration cards and papers and for not working.

South Porcupine D. Y. B. Club are planning a masquerade dance for Halloween this year. The South End D.Y.B. girls, like their Timmins sisters know how to give successful and enjoyable events of this kind, so all should remember to keep the date open for this pleasant dance.

Cochrane's fourth annual fair was held last Thursday and Friday, with a good crowd and a creditable exhibition.

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