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THE RECRUITING GOES ON.

Advices from Ottawa are to the effect that many more have offered to enlist for active military service abroad than are wanted for the first contingent of 21,000—many thousands of them—and the recruiting will still go on. With some definite aim, of course. The men in Toronto who are anxious and willing to go to the front cannot learn what is required of them, and recruiting without a purpose is not at all inspiring. So the officers say. In Kingston two men, experienced in the naval service, applied for assignments in accordance with the public advertisements. One presented his papers, showing a former connection with the navy. They left the employment in which they were. Not getting the information they desired here they went to Montreal, and from there came back to Kingston, and when last heard of were ticketed by the mayor for Ottawa in order that from the headquarters of the militia department they might get, if possible, some information as to their movements. The one who surrendered his papers wanted to get them back at least. In Hamilton the doctors are kept busy rejecting men. Only the choicest will be taken. "Everything," says the voice at Ottawa, "must be sacrificed to fitness." So far so good. But the men who have been accepted should be told what is expected of them. Their pay goes on from the time they pass the doctor. That is the latest, and it may suffice for the time being.

Russian troops, millions of them, are moving towards Austria and Germany, and when they begin an invasion of hostile territory it will surpass in effects anything that is on record. The new army worm is very voracious. It eats up everything that lies within its path.

GOSPEL OF HELPFULNESS

The mayor of Montreal is exhibiting unusual prudence, for Mordor Martin, in issuing a public letter in which he admonishes the people of the city to live plainly and inexpensively in order to meet the conditions superinduced by the war. The counsel is such as any mayor, of any city, can endorse with every justification. Our kith has caused it to be announced that his table expenses, and the table or maintenance expenses of his staff, have been cut about one-half. He has permitted the publication of his daily menu, and it is surely plain enough and shorn of all extravagances. There is power in example, and that of his majesty is worthy of imitation. In addition to the domestic economies which one can practice there is the self-denial that some people are not inclined to practice. In England, when war was announced, there was a rush of the selfish folk to the stores where they bought stocks of provisions, in quantity sufficient to keep them for many months. In Canada the same spirit was exhibited, and there have been glaring instances of it in Kingston. Now it is said that with the trade routes open the necessities of life may not be so scarce, and not so high as some persons expected. This does not mitigate the meanness of those who created peculiar conditions and for the time being acted in a very heartless way. What the times demand is the helpful feeling that our king and queen have suggested by kindly and considerate acts. There is going to be hardship and poverty and distress because of the dislocation of business and industry, on account of the war, and the people of the city must co-operate to the end that the common lot of all may be bearable. The gospel of helpfulness is the gospel of the hour, and the gospel that every one must preach.

GERMAN FIGHTING MACHINE

There cannot be anything but admiration for the German soldiers who, day after day, in accordance with the general plan, devised and approved before the war, have been marching right up into the jaws of death, as it were, at Liege. Officers and men faced the deadly fire. They represent that perfect fighting machine of which the German emperor has been so proud. Apparently it is not for the army to question anything. Its duty is to fight, to suffer if need be annihilation, "in fulfillment of the general plan."

One recalls the exposure that was made at a court trial in Berlin in July, of the manner in which the German recruit was converted into the perfect soldier. This exposure was made by Rosa Luxemburg, a socialist, whom the minister of war prosecuted for libel. She had charged that a recruit in Metz had been shamefully ill-treated, and had repeated the allegation. The minister of war proposed to make her prove her statements, and she cited the names of over nine hundred witnesses. These were socialists, and former members of the army, who, in affidavits, cited the abuse and violence that recruits had suffered at the hands of officers. These recruits had been kicked, beaten with sheathed sabres and bayonets, and with riding whips and harness straps, had their helmets jammed over their eyes, had been cast into ice-cold baths and scrubbed with coarse brushes until the blood ran, had been drilled until they collapsed, exhausted.

The exhibit grew during a couple of days until the witnesses numbered over a thousand. There were so many that the minister did not want to hear them. He promised to examine into the facts, and with that understanding had the case adjourned. It may not be reopened. Meanwhile where is Rosa? No one knows, but it is safe to say that she is under surveillance somewhere, that her mouth is closed. In Germany every man must do some drill or military duty. He is so thoroughly subdued, in the regular army, that he acts just like a machine. In a war he will walk, if told to do so, right up to the cannon's mouth. He may not value his life. He surrenders it, however, without murmur or protest.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The battery band went off with the troops. Why not? The boys at the front need the comfort and inspiration of good music far more than the stay-at-homes.

The majority for the government in the legislature is not big enough, and so the seat, of the opposition leader has been attacked. The usual charges are alleged, and one of them is "treating." And Mr. Rowell the champion of "abolish the bar."

Princess street west is littered with waste paper, and has been for weeks. Would it cost much to have a man pick up this waste paper once a week? Or can the people be educated into the use of waste paper boxes at the street corners?

The chlorine in the water tastes these days. Well, the commissioners may say, better the taste of chlorine than the attack of typhoid. There is a vaccination serum against typhoid. Would the use of it be cheaper than the indefinite use of chlorine?

Many men, anxious to go abroad, to fight for the empire, have been declined because their teeth are bad. The teeth are too often neglected. The man at home, who cannot masticate his food, may get along, but he would have a hard time of it in a campaign. The lesson of the hour—look after your teeth.

Last year Great Britain took from the United States 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and 88,000,000 bushels of corn. The question is, How much will Britain take this year? The answer may be, How much can the United States export when she coils up their best to interfere with the trade the German cruisers that are doing routes?

The American papers have been printing pictures of the splendid battleships which fly the German colours. No one questions the quality of the ships, but any one who reads the papers would question the quality of the men who man them. The fleet in the North Sea has not been seen since Britain declared war on Germany.

The Germans of New York have been protesting against the alleged unfair comment of the press. And the press—the Post, the Tribune, the Times, and the World—have replied that in the war there is no hardness against the German people. The feeling is against the kaiser, who has been acting as a bully and a boss, and will have to be cured of his distemper.

ships move slowly, but when they meet they do dreadful damage. People out of the war can afford to wait the time for heroic deeds on the part of those who are in the battle line.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Cheese sold on Frontenac board at 5c. to 5 1/2c. a pound. J. Tweedell purchased tailoring stock of Dorland estate. Blueberries selling at 65c. a pair. Big rain caused flooding of police station, in basement of city buildings.

CANADA'S STORE OF COAL Possesses Greatest Deposits in World in West.

Should the most unlooked for contingency arise and Nova Scotia coal as well as that from the United States be unobtainable for eastern Canada, this country would not be without the carboniferous fuel, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia embrace what is said by experts to be the largest coal field in the whole world. There are mines at Lethbridge, in the Crow's Nest Pass, in the mountains beyond Calgary, and various small workings some operated by ranchers and farmers, scattered all over the western prairie. It is all soft coal, but much of it is of good steaming quality.

The long haul prevents the products of these mines being shipped to eastern Canada, and the supply is consumed locally and across the border. Curiously enough, there is very little coal in the western states, but the duty on the Canadian article necessitates all but a small quantity being brought from the Pennsylvania fields, and affords Canada not much benefit. British Columbia has workings in the Nicola Valley and on Vancouver Island from which large source of supply most of the fuel used on vessels operating on the Pacific coast is mined.

NORDICA'S WILL BESTOWS FORTUNE UPON SISTERS

Singer's Last Testament Claims Husband Already Received More Than \$400,000

New York, Aug. 15.—A copy of the will of Lillian Nordica, the singer, who died in Batavia, Java, last May, filed in the Surrogate's Court to-day, provides that her entire estate, with the exception of specific bequests aggregating \$26,000, be divided among her three sisters, Imogene Castillo of Los Angeles, Annie Baldwin of Boston and Ione Walker, wife of Boston. The value of the estate was not disclosed. To Marie Masino, named in the will as a faithful servant, the singer bequeathed \$5,000, and to E. Romayne Simmons described as "having been with me for a period of sixteen years," \$20,000.

With the copy of the will was filed a petition by Robert S. Baldwin, an executor, which states that George W. Young, Nordica's husband, has the original will, but declines to surrender or fire it. The petition prays that he be compelled to do so. "In the distribution of my property," reads the will, "I am not forgetful of my husband, George W. Young, to whom I have advanced over \$400,000 in cash, which I estimate as the full, or more than full, share to which he might be entitled in my estate. It is, however, my desire that my husband, George W. Young, shall receive his legal portion."

ACTION OF LORDS WISE.

Declaration of London Would Have Benefitted Germany

London, Aug. 15.—There is general satisfaction in naval circles over the fact that the declaration of London, to which the present government assented in 1911, was prevented by the House of Lords, from becoming law, as it would have surrendered a formidable weapon against Germany, and imperilled Britain's food supplies. Under the declaration, German supplies, if discharged at a neutral port, would have been immune from naval capture, while, now, with the German flag chased from the sea, the North Sea is closed to supplies and, owing to the declaration of war on Austria, the Mediterranean is also closed, all within a week, thus shutting off Germany's hopes of obtaining food from abroad. Gibson Bowles, naval expert, and the Globe, both demand that the government denounce the treaty of Paris, under which the right to capture an enemy's property on neutral ships was surrendered. It is possible to take this step without a breach of faith, the validity of the treaty depending on the inviolability of all its principles, of which the renunciation of privateering is one, and Germany contravened this latter principle by converting her merchantmen into armed cruisers to prey upon the British seaboard commerce. The Globe urges that "the greater the strain exerted upon the enemy's power of endurance, the shorter the war is likely to be."

Died From Accident

Cornwall, Aug. 15.—Gilbert Edgerton, son of Thomas Edgerton, Lancaster, died in the general hospital as the result of an accident he met with while drying home from a social. The shaft of his buggy fell, and the horse ran away, pulling him over the dashboard and injuring him internally. He was brought to Cornwall for treatment, but was too weak to undergo an operation. The remains will be taken to Lancaster for interment.

Teacher—What is the most vicious animal? "Lion." Wrong. Try again. "Bengal Tiger." Once more. Little Johnny "Belgian Hare." "Go up head, Johnny."

WAR APPROPRIATION IS LIKELY TO BE FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS.

No War Tax At Present—Recourse to Issue of Dominion Bonds and Loans From Canadian Banks—Control of Food Supplies Will be Secured.

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—Financial legislation to meet war conditions is being prepared by the finance minister, but no definite announcement as to the details will be forthcoming until parliament meets next week.

There will be an amendment to the bank act to ratify the action already taken by the minister of finance in announcing emergency provisions that might be taken to insure the stability and to meet emergent conditions in regard to high rates of exchange.

There will be an appropriation of probably \$50,000,000 for war purposes. It is thought that this sum will be sufficient to cover all possible drafts until parliament meets again in January.

The big problem confronting the finance minister is as to where the money is to come from. Customs business has dropped to a minimum since the war began and revenues are not at present nearly sufficient to meet the ordinary cost of administration. The London market for loans is practically closed. The New York market is still available, but interest rates are, of course high. It is probable that recourse will be had to an issue of dominion bonds, to be taken up in Canada, and an effort will also be made to secure large temporary loans, from Canadian banks, which, fortunately, have now large surpluses on hand.

War Tax Not Likely.

There has been some talk of a special war tax, but this will probably not be imposed, unless the war is prolonged and all other means of raising money by way of loan have been exhausted. If the war lasts for a year or so, however, a war tax is almost certain.

Other legislation next session will be amendments to the criminal code, giving the crown more detailed power in regard to securing order and safety under war conditions.

The government will introduce legislation in parliament next week giving the executive authority to control food supplies and prices charged to consumers during the war. The bill, which is now being drafted by the minister of labor, Hon. T. W. Crothers, is modeled on the legislation just passed by the British parliament. In case it is found necessary, the government may exercise the right under the bill to appropriate food supplies, and to determine at what price the necessities of life shall be sold to consumers. The medium of determining prices will probably be exercised through the judiciary, with provision also for its exercise through officers specially appointed by the crown.

There is no intention of exercising the authority conferred under the act unless it is found that wholesalers or retailers are taking advantage of war conditions to unduly raise prices. Many complaints of this nature have been received during the past few days by the government and it is apparent that with a number of business firms greed overbalances patriotism. The government hopes that these conditions will be remedied in the normal course of events, without the necessity of the drastic action contemplated in the bill, but at the same time it is determined to summarily suppress any attempt at extortion. Severe penalties will be imposed upon anyone who takes advantage of local conditions to secure undue profits on commodities sold to the public.

Appeal To Employers.

The minister of labor has issued an appeal to employers in Canada not to unnecessarily add to a general distress during the war by dismissing employees or by cutting wages.

At the militia department this afternoon it was stated that attempts had been made at many points to hold the government up for unduly high prices for the horses required for the artillery and other branches of the expeditionary force. The department would like to make the purchases at the local points where the military units require horses, but if it is found that prices asked are too high the supply will be secured elsewhere. Altogether about 5,000 horses are required.

When the local military authorities attempted to buy horses at Lansdown farm for the local unit to be attached to the overseas contingent, dealers asked such prices that the purchasing committee threatened to commandeer the required number of animals at a price to be fixed by a military veterinary. No horses were bought. The prices asked ranged from \$250 to \$350 each.

Suicided at Syracuse, N.Y.

Syracuse, N.Y., Aug. 15.—Ella Boehm, of Thousand Island Park, died here yesterday from the effects of swallowing twenty grains of bi-chloride of mercury on Sunday afternoon.

The poison was taken, with suicidal intent following a quarrel on Sunday with her husband, Charles Boehm, a barber.

Mrs. Boehm is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kemp, of Thousand Island Park.

The Very Latest.

What is a Moratorium? American equivalent for "Nothing doing." John W. Turley, Chicago, a former Picton boy, was married in Chicago, August 1st, to a Chicago lady. Miss Nellie Taggart, Westport, will attend the Kingston model school, which opens next week. Renfrew's rate of taxation will be twenty-one mills, a reduction of four over last year. David Maybee has purchased from Mrs. Paul, his house and lot in Perth. Lanark village rate of taxation for 1914, will be 26 mills.

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