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READY FOR SERVICE

In New Zealand recruits for overseas are sent abroad after a training of only some 16 or 18 weeks, whereas in Canada enlisted men are kept on home soil for about as many months. The explanation is probably to be found in the system of military training which the island colony possesses, the value of which has been made plainly apparent in the present Empire struggle.—Brantford Expositor.

The evidence of this is supplied in the experience of the Australian cadets who visited Kingston some months ago. On their return home they became attached to the various units that were preparing for overseas service and some of them may now be at the front. All of these cadets had been drilled and prepared for national service. All they needed was the duty which inured them to hardness, and that did not take very long. The process of preparation in Canada for active military service is very long and wearisome.

If Villa cannot be found why should the American troops not retire from Mexico? The fact that they are not finding the bandit, and not taking him dead or alive, is making the Mexicans think that they have some ulterior motive to serve. President Wilson is not removing it by any of his notes.

STILL TALKING NONSENSE

Some of the Nationalists are talking great nonsense. At Montreal, and during a great downpour of rain, through which the people stood with remarkable fortitude, Mr. Bourassa said that the French-Canadians would carry their case to the Privy Council, and "they would win or confederation would perish." Later he qualified this expression and said that confederation would not perish because it was founded on a solid foundation and would be sustained by every generous, true, and honest French and English Canadian.

Then Senator Landry said he was going to England to insist, before the court and presumably before the throne, "that Canadians should be able to live and die in Canada like free men." He will have a glorious time in proving that Canadians, either French or English, have been denied the privileges which belonged to them. The same distinguished jurist said he was going before judges who "did not administer justice with a shovel." He was talking about one of Ontario's chief justices a moment before, and the inference was that the average French-Canadian suffered at the hands of the judges in our courts.

It is this awful rot or drivel that stirs up the Nationalist mind and prevents the French-Canadian from doing his duty at the present time. How much longer it is to go on goodness only knows, but it will be a good long while, if, as one of the speakers said, when the French-Canadians failed in the courts they would "overwhelm Ontario by the national growth of their families." Meanwhile some of the great disturbers at this date will have been gathered to their fathers, and the country can say of them, "requiescat in pace."

Ireland's troubles are not over. The Sinn Feiners are still violent and treacherous. They may be misnamed and misunderstood. The genuine Sinn Feiner is an intellectual person, a poet, or a philosopher. The average Sinn Feiner in Dublin is a person of low caste and no mentality, a representative of the slums.

THERE IS MONEY IN PAPER

There is a great scarcity of paper. This is due primarily to the war, and to its most disturbing conditions. As a result two contingencies have to be met, the difficulty of securing supplies, and the higher prices. Such is the tenseness of the situation that the Department of Commerce at Washington has issued a pamphlet and in it given the fullest instructions to the people as to how they may economize in the use of paper, and how they may contribute to their own comfort and advantage by saving and assorting the waste of the homes.

The public is instructed to save, among other things, clean cotton and linen rags, whether small or large, soiled white rags, soiled and dirty colored rags, black rags, woolen rags, for all of which there are specific uses in the trade. Use is also found for white clippings and shavings from paper of the better grades, as well as printers' waste, white and colored writing papers, clean wrapping paper, old books, magazines, periodicals and account books, clean folded newspapers, all grades of cardboard, strawboard, corrugated board, soiled wrapping papers, newspapers, &c., and burlap bagging and manila rope.

Directions are given as to the manner in which the waste should be classified and therefore made more valuable. Some articles should be kept in bags and some in barrels, the accumulation being taken away by those who are buying the waste or dealing in it. It is explained that the effect of the increased cost of all paper making materials has been to make corresponding increases in the cost of all kinds and grades of paper.

"It is wise to save waste paper and rags," says the Department of Commerce, "because they are valuable. There is at present an increased demand for paper and cardboard in the United States. The present daily production of paper is about 15,000 tons. The present daily consumption of old paper is about 5,000 tons. Competent authority says that rags form 7.8 per cent. of the fibres we use in paper making; that waste paper, books and magazines, represent 21.4 per cent. About 125,000 tons of rags and 380,000 tons of waste paper were imported in 1913."

It is further intimated that the saving of waste paper and old rags ultimately mean a conservation of the forest and the co-operation of every man, woman and child is essential if the collection of waste material is to be made a success. A new line of economy, as well as enterprise, has been opened up. How many will take advantage of it? Not many, and yet no business promises to be more remunerative and enduring.

COUNCIL'S PRODIGAL POLICY.

The city council is determined, notwithstanding the war and the necessity, according to its own advice, to retrench and economize and husband its resources, to pursue its prodigal policy of expenditure. It has, on the recommendation of the works committee, ordered eight carloads of asphalt. The citizens may imagine the extent to which paving is to be conducted by the size of this order. Hard up? Perish the thought. The credit of the city is good, and while this is the case there is to be no stint, no limit, to the excesses of the council.

At the same session approval was given to the Canadian National Features, Ltd., whose scheme involves the use of the fair grounds for five years at \$100 a year, free water, light, and heat, and improvements to the extent of \$2,000. This was pushed through at the one session, and annoyance was expressed by the advocates of it because others, more cautious and discreet, asked questions which were calculated to bring out the facts. There is to be a bond for \$3,000, guaranteeing that the company will carry out its contract. But what of that? And property worth \$35,000 is tied up for five years and concessions granted, or promised, which are not limited, and chiefly at the expense of the water and light consumers. Every little while the commission is cursed because its tariff for certain utilities is not lower, and when the spasm is on the aldermen they will give away these things.

One makes a mental note of all this—the goodness, the generosity, the prodigality of the council—when it is not expected, and the closeness, the carefulness, and the parsimony of it when some necessary purpose is to be served such as the improvement of the sanitary conditions in the public schools. These sanitary conditions are needed. They are in the interest of the children's health, as a sub-committee of the finance committee has reported, but they can be deferred. The paving of the streets, and the bonusing of the picture show business cannot wait. The financial position of the city, or the safety first policy, does not receive the consideration which it deserves. But the day is coming when the council will have to think. The annual interest account is becoming enormous, and the people must be educated with regard to what it means,

and in this education the Whig will certainly assist.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

How is it that so many great men are sometimes vulgar and profane? Is this "piffle," (the popular word), a sign of their greatness?

The hyphenates have been repudiated by the presidential candidates. Now what are they going to do? Run a candidate of their own?

The New York bazaar, in the interest of the Allies, netted \$2,000,000. Who dare say that American public opinion is not running with the entente?

Henry Waterson, of St. Louis, the famous newspaper man, and a democrat, becomes very profane when he thinks of the hyphenates. "To with them," is his explanation. But suppose they don't go?

The gamblers have tackled the presidential election. The betting is nine to five on Hughes, and it is said that there is considerable in the pot. Of course this betting will settle the question.

There are 3,732 officers in Canada unattached and awaiting appointments to military units. Why not organize three regiments of officers and give them a chance to see what they can do at the front as the crack corps of Canada?

Some one, figuring from the last census, in 1911, finds that there are 1,750,000 persons of military age in Canada. How many of these are eligible for military service? That is the question, and it will not be answered until there is a proper registration of the people.

The first conviction for treason has been made in Canada. The offender, one Shafer, of Montreal, and a ticket agent, undertook to help his countrymen, the Austrians. Men have been shot for treason in England and Ireland. What will happen to Shafer in Canada?

J. P. Morgan, the great financier of New York, charged a quarter of a million dollars for a short talk with Shouts, the railway man. At this rate it is well that Col. Carnegie did not consult Morgan with regard to the cost of munitions or there would have been something to talk about.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Smashing Near.

(Windsor Record)  
The German line will be smashed some of these days. Wouldn't you like to be there when that glorious time comes?

Here to Stay.

(Ottawa Citizen)  
The Russian Government has ordered 200,000 tons of barbed wire in the United States. This order will total over twelve million dollars at present prices. Evidently the bear is in this war to stay.

Real Preparedness.

(Ottawa Free Press)  
A German military expert thinks

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

THE MUSCLES.

The muscles are neat, restless rubber bands concealed within the legs, arms, and jaw of man. The jaw what under-developed, as a rule, as he is usually kept in a cowed state and not allowed to mingle in the conversation in the gay, jubilant and unrestrained manner peculiar to the feminine gender. Specialists in diseases of the jaw bone tell us that if men were permitted to use these muscles more his general health would be improved and his teeth would last longer.

Muscles are not bestowed upon man for ornamental purposes, but in order to secure practical results. Men who live in the great city and do office work would have more muscle if they would take a little interest in housework and help turn the wringer or lug a thirty-two-pound baby around in the small hours of the night, instead of allowing their wives to take on all the muscle in the family. Such men are under a heavy handicap when the time comes that they want to assert their authority, for then they are confronted with a bristling wife with an unrepentant air and muscles that would make old Hercules' biceps look like a shoestring.

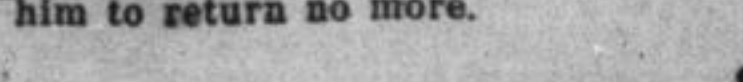
The muscles should be used every day, else they will deteriorate and become as listless as a fat boy at a temperance lecture. The most heavily muscled animal in existence is a blind mule on a treadmill, which uses his muscles oftener with fewer opportunities to take a full breath than anybody else, unless it is the man who is trying to feed genuine creamery butter to a family of nine children on \$12 a week. The muscles can be overworked, in which event they will play out like a decrepit suspender, but cases of this kind are about as scarce as strawberries in a restaurant short-cake.

The professional strong man who holds up a loaded touring car with his stomach shows what the muscles are capable of when the elastic has not been lost out of them. The neck of the pugilist is also well supplied with muscles, but these do not run very far up into the head. We should all aim to be muscular without becoming growthy, for we may encounter a second wife who refuses to do all of the work. The man with bulging muscles like a champion wrestler in evening dress is respected and feared, both at home and abroad. There would be more male bosses of the family hearthstone if every husband would swing Indian clubs and toss iron dumbbells two hours a day.

Rippling Rhymes

HIRED HELP

If you should have in your employ a useless sort of man or boy, and you're convinced he won't improve, but plug along the same old groove, just take him by the shoulderblade, and tell him, quietly, to fade. Don't jaw or argue by the day, but shoo the worthless wight away. If you would make your business win, you'll hire the man behind the grin, who finds a pleasure in his work, and strives to be the model clerk. You must have teamwork in your shop, or you will hear some object drop, and you can't work that splendid scheme, unless all hands are full of steam. One lazy grouch around your place, one frost with gloom upon his face, one kicker who is always sore, will give his microbes to a score, and by his anarchist harangue, will chill the spirits of the gang. So when he makes his mandrin moan, just take him by the collarbone, and push him gently from your door, and tell him to return no more.



the Russians are using about six million men in their Austrian offensive. This seems like real preparedness, and they didn't have to hold any parades to get them.

Wilson's Apologies.

(Toronto News)  
The more the "hyphenated" cheer for Hughes, the more should President Wilson apologize to the voters for the manner in which his heart melted within him in the face of the Lusitania affair.

A Sad Lapse.

(Hamilton Spectator)  
One sorrowful aspect of these frequent showers is the deprivation of the householders' evening recreation of watering the lawn. Of course, the privilege of pushing the mower is still left to him.

Canada's Enterprise.

(Belleville Ontario)  
American manufacturers will receive no more ammunition contracts from England, according to T. H. Curtis, a director of the firm of Curtis & Hardy, English manufacturers of explosives, who arrived in New York recently. He said his firm, with twelve factories in England and one in Montreal, was turning out 200 tons of ammunition daily. He said there was now enough being made without resorting to American contracts, which have been at extremely high prices with delivery uncertain.

KINGSTON EVENTS

25 YEARS AGO

John Nolan had the top of his thumb taken off to-day in Carnovsky's cabinet shop.

Strawberries were very plentiful to-day, and sold at three boxes for a quarter.

Portsmouth now has a band second to none. The members are all fine musicians.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

The Pen is Mightier.

(Toronto Telegram)  
If the retention of the salient at Ypres was a mistake, Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, K.C.B., the ex-editor of a London, Ontario, weekly, and J. L. Garvin, the present editor of a London, England, weekly, must know more about the choice of a battle line than Joffre, Robertson, Haig and other amateur strategists.

If the retention of the salient at Ypres is not a mistake, Joffre, Robertson, Haig and other professional soldiers must know more about the choice of a battle line than the former editor of the Victoria Warbler and the present editor of the London Observer.

There can be no half-way house on the journey to the truth as to this question of the salient at Ypres.

If "the pen is mightier than the sword," Sir Robert Borden should insist that the ex-editor of an Ontario weekly and the editor of a London weekly be called upon to supersede the present strategists and generals in command of the British and French armies on the western battle front.

If soldiers know more about leading an army than armchair critics in Ottawa or London, then Sir Robert Borden should rebuke and disavow the utterances that made up the Ottawa Journal interview and the British censor should suppress further outpourings of wisdom from J. L. Garvin.

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