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A WORD OF WARNING.

For the most of the world 1917 will be a year of food shortage, and every one in the United Kingdom must make a New Year's resolution to avoid waste, to buy luxury, and only to buy and eat sufficient to maintain health and strength. Otherwise many will be hungry and some may starve. It is not generally realized that the food shortage affects every country—not this country alone. The conscription of great numbers of land-workers has decreased the world's production. On top of this have come poor wheat crops in North and South America. Russian wheat is cut off by the Danubian, and until Indian wheat becomes available in the early summer the only important reserve is Australia. In the last-named case the shortage of ships increases the difficulties.—London Chronicle.

A DECISION OF MOMENT.

A judicial decision of more than ordinary interest has been rendered by Judge Lennox at Osgoode Hall, Toronto. It has reference to an insurance risk which had been voided by Sergt. Sussex, of London, Ontario, when he enlisted for service abroad, and ran behind in his premiums with the Aetna Life Insurance Company. He tendered payment of his dues as a military man, and they were refused. Sussex sued the company and defeated it, the judge declaring "that the insurance was valid and subsisting on the payment of arrears." There will be many to manifest surprise with this ruling. Many insurance companies charged higher rates for military risks, and do not want them at any premium.

There are cases in which the risks have been cancelled when the policy holders became soldiers, they being refused the privilege of paying their arrears and recovering further standing. The practice under these circumstances has been challenged, and a commotion will be created in insurance circles if the ruling of Judge Lennox, in the Sussex case, be accepted as a precedent.

AN EXAMPLE TO ALL MEN.

A man of seventy, over age for military purposes, according to regulations, has seen active service at the front, with a regiment which spent several months in Kingston. He has returned to Canada invalided. Whether he will essay to return to France we cannot say, but his is a spirit which is worthy of emulation and his a spirit that puts to shame the thousands who have fled from the country, to escape service, or remain in it and play the slacker.

It is not so long since the press of all America lauded the heroism and sacrifices of a man of sixty-four. He had been refused admission to the army by the French, but did splendid service in Belgium, and later in France, and achieved a glorious career. Six times he was wounded and retired from the French frontier to recover his strength and return with all the buoyancy and vigor of manhood to the fighting line. At last he fell mortally wounded, and his splendid example, when related in the press, moved more men than many recruiting officers had been able to do with their most eloquent tongues.

The returned hero of seventy must be found in Kingston. He must somewhere, and everywhere possible, be induced to show himself, to tell his story, and stimulate all eligible men who hear him to enter into active service, or face everlasting humiliation and disgrace.

SOLDIERS AND POLITICS.

A returned soldier, Joshua Solomon, has had a remarkable experience in Toronto. He has been discharged from the service, as being no longer fit, because of physical infirmities, following his participation in the war. He must get suitable employment. He became a conductor on the street railway. He sought other suitable employment because he was not able to stand all day while on duty on the cars. He, therefore, called upon Staff-Sergeant Creighton, a civic employee at the City Hall, and invited his co-operation in seeking some new and congenial occupation.

Creighton advised him to hook up with Ward Two Conservative Association and put himself on record as an applicant for a government job. The staff-sergeant said he only referred the ex-soldier to the patronage committee of the association. Sergt. Solomon did not act upon the suggestion, and is not likely to do so. He is offended because, having done his part in the war, having served his country faithfully and well, he feels that he is entitled to the government's recognition, and that it is really contemptible in any one to imply that he must be a supporter of the government, in a political sense, in order to successfully engage its attention. He was promised recognition when he enlisted. He is worthy of it now.

His complaint has been minimized. The mayor of Toronto announces that his office is not a political one, that he will not stand for any political discrimination in the soldier appointments. But the fact remains that a political significance has been given to the case, and that it is not likely to be the only one of the kind. There may be other instances, outside of Toronto, in which liberals have been repulsed when, returning from the war, and bearing upon their persons its wounds and scars, they asked for public consideration.

A PROTEST IN SEASON.

Dorchester, Quebec, presents such a predicament as Sir Wilfrid Laurier expected when he demurred to the Borden proposition, that, during a war, there should be neither a general election nor opposition in a bye-election. It is proposed that vacant seats be taken by members of the same political faith or color as those who had previously occupied them. The venerable leader of the opposition had kept in mind the men who, because of the scandals that had overtaken them—through just graft and the opportunities which presented themselves for it in connection with war contracts—meant to become candidates for re-election. The liberals decided in such an emergency to offer opposition.

Another outrage has presented itself, somewhat unexpectedly, in the reconstruction of the cabinet. Hon. Albert Sevgney, the late speaker of the Commons, has become the minister of inland revenue, and appeals to the electors for endorsement. There is a revolt against this. The liberals may not allow him to go back to office unopposed, because that would be tantamount to accepting the position which this nationalist has taken in the war. Mr. Sevgney, in the election of 1911, protested against Canada's participation in the affairs of England on the ground that England had done nothing for Canada.

The constituency is represented by a liberal in the local house, and may be represented by a liberal in the Commons. At any rate, there is no disposition to endorse nationalism at this juncture, and the government deserves the rebuff which a defeat in Dorchester would mean at the present time. The liberals of the constituency should not be expected to approve of the ex-speaker's rebellious attitude and language in the last election, nor the attitude and language of the nationalist party as it is represented by Mr. Bourassa at the present time.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon. Mr. Macpherson is very mad because the electors of his constituency persists in raising Cain. Well, is not that what he wanted?

Food is not to be scarcer and dearer than ever this year. So it is predicted by the wise men of England. People must eat less or grow more.

Mayor Hughes can lead in some schemes whereby the people will add to production and be less dependent than they are upon others for their foods.

The Toronto Telegram says the West Simcoe election really meant life or death to the Hearst government. One can understand, then, why there was so much rejoicing over the result.

The Deutschland is expected at New London this week and a new cargo of rubber and nickel has been accumulated for transportation to Germany. The nickel is from Canada, of course. Sir Edward Carson is supposed to be controlling it, but is he?

The London Chronicle, which has

access to special information, and should be well posted, declares that there will be a shortage of food all over the world this year. The main cause is the shortage of labor. The prices will, as a consequence, be higher. The people must save all they can, and hold their savings in reserve.

The president is said to have been annoyed when his ambassador at Berlin talked over his cups repeating the cordiality which existed between Germany and the United States. Mr. Wilson demanded to know, by cable, if Mr. Gerard were reported correctly. The answer was: "Yes; what are you going to do about it?" Mr. Wilson did not know. He has the matter still under consideration.

ENGLAND'S FOOD NOW QUITE SAFE

Canadian Courier, Toronto. There is no longer any possibility of cutting off England's food by torpedoing food vessels anywhere within the range of the submarine scouts and destroyers that patrol every mile of the coast. But the Transatlantic submarine is a different menace. It has been proved that the super-submersible can burrow under the Atlantic and torpedo vessels in American waters. It is the Tirpitz idea to send scores, perhaps hundreds, of these vessels across in order to destroy shipping anywhere on the high seas. It would be a difficult matter to patrol the Atlantic coast. With the United States at war with Germany there would be no check on submarine activities. All vessels leaving American and Canadian ports would be subject to torpedo attack. We may surmise that a declaration of war by the United States would be counted by Germany a good opportunity to launch her deadliest great bolt against England. The damage to be done by the United States to Germany within six months would be a small matter compared to the damage possible to inflict upon England—so Germany thinks. In a desperate conclusion she would be willing to risk it. The danger need not be scoffed at. It is real enough. But those who allege that England's recourse is to cultivate her soil to the last acre neither give credit to the Allied navies nor provide an adequate remedy. England cannot produce enough to feed herself and her armies. Neither should she have to. If Canada in 1914 was able to send a huge fleet of troop transports safely across the Atlantic under warship convoy, it should be quite as feasible to send fleets of commerce ships under perpetual convoy sufficient to keep off submarines. The fleets of the Allied powers are strong enough to provide such convoys and to patrol all harbors from which shipping leaves for the Allied powers.

BENEFIT OF CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Brantford Expositor. Some idea of the distress and want relieved by the Canadian Patriotic Fund may be gathered from the following story, a record of which is on file in the office of the fund in Montreal. When this case came to the attention of the relief committee the mother was in the maternity hospital. Three children un-

Random Reels

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

THE COMMON PEOPLE

The common people are a law-abiding class of citizens whose chief occupation in life is to officiate as the goat. There are 8,000,000 people in Canada and if they would all act in unison the Early Rose potato would not command a higher price than a grand opera ticket. As it is now five or six men who control all of the cold storage facilities between the north pole and the east coast are able to corner everything on the market except channel ice and hold it until the guilty countenance of a 300 per cent. dividend peeps shyly over the horizon. This is not allowed in any of the foreign countries, where they have a despotic form of government, and at times it seems as if we could use a bright-eyed double-fisted despot in our business with good results. The common people are slow to wrath, and will pay \$4 a ton more than hard coal is worth without try-

Rippling Rhymes

RELIEF COMING

The winds are blustering and rough, the frost keeps at it, steady; a little winter is enough, you've had your share already. You're tired of winter, grim and drear, you're tired of all his poses. Cheer up! The spring will soon be here, with nightingales and roses! You're tired of blowing in your roll that you may keep from freezing for cords of wood and tons of coal—it surely isn't pleasing. You're tired of toiling day by day, to feed the hungry heaters. Cheer up! The spring is on the way, with meadow larks and skeeters! You're tired of falling half a block, when streets with ice are slippery; you're tired of cleaning snow, walks, and other labors dippy. You faint would sound a note of grief, with cymbals, timbrels, cornets. Cheer up! The spring will bring relief, with bobolinks and hornets. Cheer up! Though gloomy be the day, the darkest day will vanish; there's something that will cheer you up that will cheer you up. Today may be a thing of dread—we're banking on tomorrow; there's always something just ahead that's bound to knock out sorrow.

der six years of age were living in confined quarters, and an older invalid brother was living with them, all in a state of destitution. A woman to clean the house and administer to the wants of the family was immediately sent in. A ward visitor approached the landlord, who generously lowered the rent. The eldest child had been ill with measles, and the fund had her sent to the Alexandra hospital. When the mother returned home she was taken with the same disease, as also the second child. A doctor, nurse and charwoman were placed in regular attendance. The infant caught the disease, was sent to the hospital and subsequently died. Following the measles the mother was confined to her bed with a violent attack of rheumatism, one of the girls developed mumps, and the youngest pneumonia. Another nurse was secured, and medical aid was provided. In all, 40 visits were made to this family by the fund visitor within 11 months.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

Joseph Craig and Henry Melvor were appointed auditors for Kingston township; Joseph Game, assessor. The sum of \$11,000 has been collected for the debt arrangement fund of Sydenham Street Methodist Church. The General Hospital is rushed with work.



WHERE GERMAN RAIDER OPERATED. The cross shows the region of operation of the latest German raider off the coast of South America.

C.N.R. SEEKS ASSISTANCE

Railway Again Approaches Parliament for Financial Support. Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The Canadian Northern Railway is again looking for financial assistance. While there has been no direct application to the government, our parlors to that end have taken place. The business of the company has attained a good volume in the past year and its earnings show a considerable increase. However, it is far from being out of the wood financially and further aid would be welcomed.

In the government program for the coming session there is no provision for assistance to railways and none is likely. The whole railway situation is under advisement by a commission, which was appointed with the specific object in view of obviating such recurrent appeals to the government by railways. This report will not be ready before April.

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