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BALANCING THE ACCOUNTS.

The Canadian soldiers have once more proven themselves to be worthy of the confidence that has been placed in them by the commander of the British forces. They led in the advance between Arras and Lens and in the capture of Vimy Ridge, which is the key to the whole situation in which it lies. General Haig knew his men and in placing the Canadians in the fore front, where they would have to bear the brunt of attack and counter-attack, bestowed on them a grave responsibility. They met and sustained it with a remarkably light loss of life.

The news of the great victory in the battle which may affect the whole western campaign came cheerily, and at a time when the heart was depressed over news of Canadians suffering in German camps. Ambassador Gerard, returned from Germany, revealed what he saw and knew of Canadian persecution from the Hun.

The conduct of these Germans, old and young, towards the Canadians, has been simply barbaric. What if the Canadians were to mete out the severest punishment to the German prisoners now? It would be a retaliation they could justify; and yet the German prisoners are assured of humane treatment because it is contrary to British traditions to terrorize and trample upon the victims of a fierce attack. The temptation to balance accounts will not prevail.

The Argentine Republic forbids the exportation of any of this year's crop. The bulk of the Argentine crop before has gone to Europe. Canada and the United States must make up for this loss of foods, to the Allies.

THE CAMPAIGN OF THRIFT.

The Campaign of Thrift which is being conducted by a committee of citizens, representing the manufacturing and the financial interests, is not generally understood. The word thrift is not, as some persons suppose, expressive of penuriousness or parsimony. It is the term used by the finance minister of Canada when, in announcing the terms of a recent war loan, he said it behooved the people to be thrifty and economical, to earn all they could and to save all they could, and, while enjoying the comforts of life, lay away what can be reasonably spared for the contingencies of another day.

Sir Thomas White did not say the people were not to provide themselves with the things that contribute to their welfare or happiness. All he advised, and all any wise man advises, is an avoidance of unnecessary expenditure, and waste. The United States, long before the Resource Committee of Ontario was formed, under the direction of the Ontario Government, had Thrift Campaigns. They swept across certain states. They affected seriously the people of many cities and county towns, and were attended with remarkable results among the industrial classes. It happens that a Thrift Campaign is running concurrently with the Greater Production Campaign in Kingston and is being regarded with a large degree of favor.

Thrift is something which can be urged upon the people on its merits at any time, whether there is a war on or not. Saving is a part of one's character, a virtue rather than a principle which can be generally en-

dorsed. Some persons can save without being urged to do so. They save because they have been drilled into it, or it has become a quality of their daily life. There are others who can save only under the spell which gets them going in a certain direction and with a momentum that keeps them in motion. This is an advantage, above all others, of the thrift movement, as it is generally understood. This is the feature which will stand discussion without drawing contrasts between conditions in England and in Canada, or in magnifying the customs of those who practice the most rigid economies. Whether one can call all this "fashionable" is another question.

General Lessard is said to assume the responsibility of asking Col. Lavergue to recruit the French for home service. It is certain that the Government or its Minister of Militia will not assume the responsibility.

A NEW CONFEDERATION.

The London Times, on information which has been carefully collected, reports that negotiations have been advanced for the confederation of Newfoundland and the West Indies with Canada. Newfoundland rejected a union with Canada in 1866. Many a time since it has been regretted by its leading men, that the decision was not in favor of the alliance; which would have made Newfoundland a part of the greater confederation. Now, through the contingencies of the war, there is a movement towards a closer national relationship, which is most likely to mature ere long.

The proposed confederation has many important reasons in support of it. The West Indies, British and government, in instinct and spirit, lies near to the entrance of the Panama Canal, and can contribute very much materially to the trade through that most important link in navigation. The Danish Islands occupied a similar position, and was long envied by the Germans because of their location as a trading station in the Atlantic. Germany made one good deal when, in an exchange of territory, it obtained a rocky prominence in the North Sea, which, fortified beyond all conception, is a certain protection of the north of Germany and the Maritime interests which the Kiel Canal represents. The United States, for a cash sum of \$25,000,000, has become the owner of the Danish Islands, and if the West Indies becomes a part of the Canadian confederation the safety of the Atlantic and the Panama Canal will be preserved for all time.

The new confederation will be of immense advantage to all the negotiators. To Canada it means a larger shipment of the wheat of western Canada via the Panama Canal; the development of a larger trade with its eastern ports; the importation of many products from the West Indies direct that now pass through the United States, and are made the dearer by freight and brokers' charges. Newfoundland would benefit by direct importations of tropical fruits, of sugar and molasses, free from duty and certain freight charges, and she would have a direct and certain market for her fish. The West Indies would have access to Canada's free markets for her fruits and without any menace or threat of retaliation from the United States, and this threat was referred to on a former occasion when a certain reciprocity treaty was proposed.

That the confederation should take place at once, or as soon as possible, has been made apparent by the strategic value of the West Indies. The Danish Islands were not long in the market, and the West Indies will not be without a purchaser at a pretty good price, if a sale must be made. Canada can benefit the West Indies and benefit amazingly by the confederation.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Horse racing and gambling are unreservedly condemned by the people, and the Government that sanctions or approves of them deserves condemnation also.

Lavergue as a recruiter? What do you think of that? The Government is still wedded to its idols, the Nationalists of Quebec. There is not a doubt of that.

It cost the French 100,000 men to take and hold Vimy Ridge earlier in the war. It has cost the Germans probably 100,000 more to try and hold it in "their retreat with victory."

Sir Robert Borden may not be able to return to Canada, it is said, until the middle of May. What is he doing meanwhile which will warrant the further adjournment of the Dominion Parliament?

In shipbuilding during the last three years in Canada over \$150,000,000 has been invested, and this amount will probably be doubled during the next three years. The outlook for shipbuilding is the very brightest.

Miss Rankin, of Montana, the only woman member of Congress, voted nay on the motion approving of President Wilson's course in connection with the war, and then she cried,

Vote for peace and offended her conscience. Is that it?

The late Pastor Russell, in Peterboro and elsewhere, was refused a hearing because of his anti-British sentiments. The Government should see that no messenger of the International Bible House, not even Judge Rutherford, is permitted to campaign through Ontario and express pro-German sentiments.

Judge Rutherford, of New York, should be guided out of Canada without any delay, or ceremony. Anyone who refers to the Germans as "an instrument in the hands of God for the scourging of the nations of the earth" should, when he enters, be headed out of the country, and by the nearest route. Canada cannot stand for any German propagandist, regardless of his calling.

PUBLIC OPINION

Rounding up the Huns. (London Advertiser) The United States is starting to round up the letters in that country. It looks as if jails will have to be built on every cross road to take care of the gang.

Sound Advice. (Syracuse Post-Standard) A word of timely counsel: If you should come to any place where soldiers are on guard and one of them orders you to "halt," halt. Don't ask questions and don't start an argument.

A Dangerous Privilege. (Bellefonte Ontario) The Dominions are to have the honor of helping to settle the Irish question. It is a question whether the responsibility accompanying such a difficult task will not outweigh the honor.

The Hyphen Disappears. (Montreal Gazette) Certain residents of New York and other American cities are hastening to state that they are now one hundred per cent. American. The hyphen is being shoved even further to the rear.

A Municipal Failure. (Montreal Star) The lesson has been made very clear in Montreal that a congested City Council only accentuates our unsatisfactory government, and that moreover the plan of electing Aldermen by small wards has proved a distinct failure.

Work For the Commission. (Toronto Globe) A Globe reader in Middlesex county sends a sheaf of liquor price lists from Port Huron, Mich., and says the neighborhood is flooded with them. All parts of the Province are being deluged with the same sort of "literature." Here is work for the Ontario License Commission.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The Locomotive works are running short now and may close in June. A man said today, that he could name thirty-two old maids in one block in sub division 9, Cataract Ward. A traveller in the city today said: "Kingston knocks out any city I ever visited for pretty girls."

Random Reels

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

THE MEXICAN MUDDLE. The Mexican muddle is an illustration of what happens to a nation when it tries to get along without the red schoolhouse and the bath tub.

The trouble with Mexico is that it lacks refinement, education, table manners and castle soap. People who have traveled in Mexico tell us that very little soap is imported into Mexico, as the average Mexican is not familiar with its use and is slow to adopt new-fangled ideas. It is said that the first bar of soap ever brought into Mexico was introduced by the late President Diaz, who after one application fell off thirty pounds in weight and issued a royal edict making it a penitentiary offence to use anything but a crash towel during the spring bathing season.

Another cause of the Mexican muddle is the shortage of school ma'ams. It is difficult for us, in this enlightened country, so liberally sprinkled with plump, pugnacious school ma'ams, to conceive of a vast republic lying at our very back door, and deprived of hopeful school teachers who are always getting married in the midst of the winter term.

Rippling Rhymes

GETTING THIN

I dieted for weeks to lose my surplus weight; I lived on bran and leeks; with now and then a date. I flunk my poor old crop with things I hate to eat, and drank denatured sloop until I had cold feet. No good things did I taste, my richest food was hay; and soon my ample waist began to shrink away. I lost my double chins, at which I gladly laugh'd; I said, "I surely wins, this non-starch diet graft." I thought my friends would note the changes I could see, and much warm praise devote, and much applause, to me. But they would say, "Old scout, you're sickly, it appears; since last you were about, you've aged a hundred years. Your face is white as chalk; you've shrunk a lot in weight; you ought to see the doc, before it is too late." I've found that portly gent's who diet to get thin, will look like twenty cents, and feel much worse than sin. And so once more I eat the things that please the eye; the large thick slab of meat, the rich and gaudy pie.

-WALT MASON.

UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY

New York Times.

We are going to fight Germany in earnest, and with all the forces at our command. The people of the country must draw that conclusion, and it is their duty and for their interest that they should draw it, in order that they may be prepared to render what service they can, make the necessary sacrifices, and bear with the courage the losses that way come. They should carefully note and understand the scope and extent of the Government's preparation. We are to raise and equip with all possible speed an army of 1,727,000 men. The Secretary of the Treasury has sent to Congress estimates calling for appropriations of \$3,400,000,000 for the army and navy alone. This is in addition to the \$517,000,000 already provided for navy uses during the next fiscal year, and the \$240,000,000 appropriated in the Army bill, and provision is to be made for large additions to the number of men in the army, as may be needed.

PORCUPINE MINES.

They Produce Close to a Million Dollars a Year.

Production of the Porcupine camp at the present time is running about \$900,000 per month, compared with an average of \$863,000 per month during the last quarter of 1916 and with \$689,000 per month a year ago. Of this amount, the Hollinger, Dome and McIntyre combined are credited with \$750,000, which means that three of the seven producing mines are maintaining over 80 per cent. of the output.

An addition will be made to the list of producers within the next thirty days by the starting up of the stamp mill at the Newray. The property comprises 321 acres in the Hollinger-McIntyre area, and is one of the most extensive holdings in the camp. The mill will handle 40 tons of ore a day with its present equipment, or at the rate of 1,200 tons per month. On \$10 ore this would mean a monthly recovery of about \$11,000, which would provide net earnings sufficient to meet the cost of development operations and general expenses at the mine. It is probable that Newray will make extensive additions to its mill as time goes on, and the outlook is that this company will be numbered among the big producers of the camp in the comparatively near future.

Three Days' Revival.

A three days' revival is being held in the Holiness Movement Church this week, the first meeting having been held on Tuesday evening. Bishop Horner presided and gave an inspiring address on "We are Well Able to Overcome It." He was assisted in the service by Rev. Mr. Watchorn, the local pastor.

Algonquin Park.

Enjoy the spring months at Algonquin Park. The Highland Inn opens May 7th, 2,000 feet above the sea. Pure and bracing air. Splendid accommodations at reasonable rates. Free illustrated literature on request to J. Quinlan, Bonaventure Station, Montreal.

A High Ideal.

(Hamilton Standard) There are worse ideals of heaven than that of a place where one does not need to rise in the morning until he wants to.

E. L. Hubbs has sold his house at Hubbs Creek to John Teskey and intends moving to Picton in the near future.

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The Sawyer Shoe Store. Mrs. James Knox and daughter, Florence, left Deseronto for Trenton on Tuesday, having moved their household goods to that town. Mr. Ernest Robinson is moving into the Knox residence.

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