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The German fleet may come out, says a London despatch. Yes, but will it ever be able to get back again?

Germany is attempting, not so much to break the line, as to break the British spirit. Since when did a southerner place his heel on the men of the northern zone?

Even Mother Nature welcomed Daylight Saving by giving us summer-like days on which to inaugurate the experiment.

The government is helping to support Bourassa's paper, Le Devoir, by giving it government advertising. Could foolishness further go?

"All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Germany's ultimate and inevitable doom is foreshadowed in these prophetic words.

"Escaped Prisoner Married Today," runs a newspaper headline. Now listen to some crusty old bachelor remark that such a fellow didn't know how to appreciate his freedom.

H. C. Nickle, Kingston's fuel controller, has resigned his thankless but most important task. He filled the position with ability and fairness, and a strong effort should be made to retain his services.

How much longer must this country tolerate such dangerous and disloyal leaders as Bourassa, Lavergne, et al? To employ the most temperate language, far better men than they have met their just deserts.

Rev. "Billy" Sunday says that Germany would have torpedoed the ark if the chance had ever come her way. The Brookville Recorder-Times adds that the giraffe would be the only animal to escape; it could use its neck as a periscope.

Movie picture fans are now greatly interested in the heart troubles of their pet heroes and heroines—Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, with Mrs. Fairbanks a close runner for first place. Thus does the screen compete with the stage in furnishing food for gossip.

The rapidity with which minds changed in regard to Commission government, following the conference on Monday night, between the two governing bodies, affords a choice topic of conversation. It serves to remind us that acrobatic feats are mental as well as physical.

The government's decision to cancel all exemptions made under the Military Service Act will meet with general approval. The great majority of such exemptions were granted in Quebec, where the tribunals were in hearty sympathy with the slackers. It will now be Quebec's turn to stand and deliver.

An explanation of its requirements and its aims has led to a better understanding between the Utilities Commission and the City Council. A full and free discussion of any question is always bound to have beneficial results. Not until both sides of a controversy have been presented can an intelligent and correct decision be arrived at.

THE GROUND GLASS SCARE.

The "ground glass" hysteria seems about to have run its course. According to a statement issued by the United States Food Administration, only one authentic case of ground glass intentionally put into food has been discovered.

The causes for the great increase of impurities in food are many and due to the stress of the times. The rise in the price of staples tempts producers to adulteration; haste in turning out foods in order to meet the greater demand also figures.

Ground glass is the slowest, most ineffective and most easily detectible form of poisoning. German spies would not be likely to employ it. Yet sifting of flour and careful inspection of all uncooked foods should now be a regular part of the kitchen routine.

A TWO-CENT PIECE.

The suggestion recently made by the Whig that the Ottawa mint should coin a two-cent piece has met with much approval. We pointed out that, since nearly all the newspapers of the Dominion were now retailing at two cents a copy, the circulation of such a coin would be a great convenience to the newspaper-buying public.

There is still another cogent reason for advocating a two-cent piece. When the minimum cost of anything in the least worth having was one cent, that humble but sufficient coin filled the general need. But now that the cost of so many necessities is rated with an irreducible minimum of two cents, the single copper bid fair to become only an auxiliary coin in practice.

This is the most forcible reason for the suggested coinage of a two-cent piece. The present shortage of one-cent pieces can be filled, in time, but since so many transactions can be made with a single two-cent piece, the need of such a coin becomes not less than actual.

No doubt the coinage of a two-cent piece would make it easier to spend two cents where one cent has been required heretofore; this is a regrettable circumstance, since if one does not take care of his coppers, his silver and gold accumulate slowly. Yet in the cold light of the fact that most things which used to cost one cent now cost two, a certain saving in time, convenience and nervous energy would probably be made by the circulation of a two-cent piece.

HOW TO GROW POTATOES.

When three hundred and thirty-two years ago, Sir Walter Raleigh introduced the potato into this continent into Ireland, nobody could have foreseen or imagined the immense part that it would play in feeding the world. It was nearly eighty years before the Royal Society of England took up the cultivation of the potato as a cheap food in case of famine. In another eighty years, famine in Scotland brought the potato into extensive notice as a cheap article of food. Another thirty years, saw France taking notice of its value. Mr. W. T. Macoun, the Dominion Horticulturist, rightly explains all this in a hundred-page bulletin recently issued by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, in which is also given complete and comprehensive information as to the cultivation of the potato. Mr. Macoun goes fully into his subjects, dealing with the preparation of the soil, of the varieties of seedlings, of protection against insect pests and diseases, of the time to plant, of the districts best suited to the different varieties of the crop that should be taken during growth, and of garnering, storing, and shipping. Particulars are also given of the results of experiments and tests made at the Experimental Farms and stations throughout the Dominion. In short, pretty well everything in the shape of information that is of value to potato growers with many exact and interesting illustrations, is to be found in this bulletin, that can be had free on addressing the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

GERMANY'S METHODS OF WAR-FARE.

Not only in the field does Germany seek for a decisive victory, but she

relies strongly upon the power of her propaganda among neutral and belligerent nations. This method of warfare she has carried on with unusual skill and persistence, seeking to undermine and weaken, if not to destroy, the opposition of her enemies. Most of the peace talk, most of the labor unrest, most of the preaching against the sin of war, can be directly or indirectly traced to the activities of German agents. These agents may be divided into five distinct classes:

FIRST, there is the military spy, who obtains important military secrets of great value to his country. In this class will be found the brains of the German spy system, for the work is most difficult and dangerous. Capture means certain death. With this class is the political spy who "fixes" or attempts to fix persons attached to the most important offices in the nation, thus establishing "leaks" on information.

THE SECOND class of German spies are the destructionists, men and women, whose sole duty is to realize by fire and destructive scientific methods those ends, which the other members of the enemy are unable to attain. With enemy agents running practically undisturbed, these agents have achieved a series of German victories by destruction of foodstuffs and war material. Included in this class are the bomb throwers, dynamiters and "torches."

THE THIRD class is composed of industrial disorganizers, or organizers of industrial unrest. Their chief business is to foment strikes and other disorders, to assist in delaying production, to hamper methods of distribution, and confuse and paralyze industries wherever possible. A hundred of these operatives can do more damage than an army corps.

THE FOURTH class consists of the disease spreaders. Their diabolical

work already has resulted in untold damage. Included in these class are the spreaders of germs, fake doctors, and poison users. From peddling poisoned court plaster to the farmers in Kansas and the distribution of germs of foot-and-mouth disease throughout the central west, to the spreading of spinal meningitis, is but one small step compared to some of the German disease carriers are taking.

The FIFTH class is the well-known propagandist. The pro-German propagandist's work has been felt throughout the world. He is a financier, an organizer, a "dyed-in-the-wool" patriot, sometimes; a moulder of public opinion, and one of the most cowardly and underhand personages in the entire German spy system.

THANKFUL TO KITCHENER

For Refusing to Abandon the Ypres Salient.

London, April 17.—It is realized, with profound thankfulness how sound the late Lord Kitchener was in refusing to respond to certain strong Canadian suggestions, voiced by Sir Sam Hughes, that the Ypres salient be abandoned.

As Kitchener, Byng, and Haig all foresaw as a possibility, it is now the key to the British position in the northern sector. The Canadians know well how Ypres was held for thirty months without Messines Ridge.

Switzerland in Danger.

Amsterdam, April 17.—The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, in a article full of mysterious allusions, says this spring will put Switzerland's neutrality under the severest test, as the German troops will probably encircle, in the course of their operations, the little republic.

Lieut.-Col. Blaylock Appointed.

Toronto, April 17.—At the meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society's executive Lieut.-Col. Harry Blaylock was appointed commissioner overseas in place of Colonel C. A. Hodgetts, C.M.G., resigned.

MEWBURN'S URGENT APPEAL TO CANADIANS AND BRITONS

New York, April 17.—An appeal to Englishmen and Canadians in the United States to make a personal application of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's special order of the day addressed to all ranks and hasten into the service, was contained in a telegram from Major-General S. C. Mewburn, minister of militia, Ottawa, to the British and Canadian recruiting mission, just made public here.

"The call from overseas is such," said the message, "that I must ask you, one and all not merely to 'carry on,' but to do so with renewed and special vigor. Every man of military age is needed, and needed now. Faith must be kept with those who are fighting, as well as with those who have fallen."

"May every Britisher and Canadian in the United States take to himself Sir Douglas Haig's special order of the day and determine that it is his privilege and duty to seize this opportunity and join the ranks."

Rippling Rhymes

THE BLITHE SPIRIT

Oh, Monday may be wheatless, and Tuesday may be meatless, but I'll be happy still; if I can swat the foeman by skimping my abdomen, I'll do it with a will. The luscious ham and bacon by me will be forsaken, if that's the proper move; I'll cut out red meat dishes, and feed on bony fishes, and chortle while I hooove. That gent is not a winner who kicks because his dinner is shy of pork or beef, who eats his wheatless ration, and grumbles of privation, and airs a lot of grievance. Some day, perhaps we'll be martyrs until we are tougher than we have ever known; our diet may be ended we may think shavings splendid, and gnaw old Tower's bone. We may all get together to eat a side of leather, before we end the war; our persons lank and hollow, we may be glad to swallow some boiled excelsior. Let's not pretend we're martyrs until we chew our garters and eat our Sunday shoes; let's eat the scheduled vittles, and show no lots or tittles of grouches, damps or blues. My health has been improving since I first started hooving, and eating simple fare; I have a better figure, and I am full of vigor, my whiskers full of hair.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



Advertisement for Bibbys raincoats. Text: 'Potatoes are excellent and delicious when well cooked. — Canada Food Board. BIBBYS Headquarters for Men Raincoats. Special Prices. Parametta Cloths, sizes 34 to 44 \$8.00. English Rainproof Worsteds. The Chester, sizes 34 to 46 \$12.00. Trench Style Raincoats. Bibbys. Oiled Clothing of All Kinds.'

Advertisement for BUCKEYE incubators. Text: 'BUCKEYE THE BEST INCUBATOR MADE. 65-EGG MACHINES \$13.50. 120-EGG MACHINES \$24.00. BUNT'S Hardware King St. Phone 388.'

Advertisement for Fresh Garden Seeds and DR. CHOWN'S DRUG STORE. Text: 'Fresh Garden Seeds. From reliable seed houses, in package and bulk. Also a few Dutch bulbs, for spring blossoming. DR. CHOWN'S DRUG STORE. 185 Princess St., Phone 343.'

Advertisement for Chamberlain's Tablets. Text: 'Get Rid of the Blues! A great many people are only half alive. Are you one of them? Exchange that down-and-out, what's-the-use feeling for the strength of better health, abundant nerve force, and keen relish for your meals. One of Canada's most eminent physicians has expressed the opinion that the systematic keeping clear of the intestinal tract would save hundreds of thousands from that semi-insane state, melancholia. For this purpose nothing can quite equal Chamberlain's Tablets. They also possess tonic properties which aid in establishing a natural and healthy action of the bowels. 25 cents at all dealers, or from CHAMBERLAIN MEDICINE CO., TORONTO.'

Advertisement for Maple Syrup. Text: 'PURE Maple Syrup \$2.00 per Gallon. Now is the time to put it up for next winter's use. Jas. REDDEN & Co. Phones 20 and 900.'

Advertisement for J. J. Turner & Sons, Limited. Text: 'YOU'LL MAKE NO MISTAKE. By placing your order early for stove or house awnings and curtains. Supplies and help are scarce and prices will be higher. J. J. Turner & Sons, Limited. Tent, Awning, Flag and Waterproof Goods Manufacturers. PETERBORO (F. W. Cooke, Local Agent) ONTARIO.'

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills. Text: 'WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF WOOD! Sawed into Stove Lengths. Crawford. Foot of Queen St. Phone 9. In time of need Every woman should know the comfort, and experience the relief of a reliable remedy that can be depended upon to right conditions which cause headache, dizziness, languor, nausea and constipation. At such times, nothing is so safe, so sure and speedy as BEECHAM'S PILLS. During the past sixty years, millions of women have found them most helpful in toning and strengthening the system, and for regulating the stomach, liver and bowels. These famous pills are entirely vegetable and contain no harmful or habit-forming drugs. Use them with entire confidence for they cause no unpleasant after-effects, and will not fail you. Worth a Guinea a Box. Prepared only by Thomas Beecham, St. Helens, Lancashire, England. Sold everywhere in Canada and U. S. America. In boxes, 25 cents.'