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Toronto people fear the advent of dollar gas—a thing Kingstonians would welcome.

You can't hit the Kaiser by shooting off your mouth, is a bit of truism from the Williamsport, Pa., Grit.

It is a fearful price that France is paying for her liberty. Already 1,300,000 of her men have fallen in battle.

World power or downfall was the object Germany set out to obtain. To-day she is perilously near one or other of her objectives. But world power is now forever beyond her grasp.

Britain, a thousand times more oppressed by the war than we, flings on without complaint or grumbling. Why, then, should we, whose security is made safe by Britain's navy, object to any sacrifice that will help the Allied cause?

With me the Military Service Act, as it is now enforced, is a splendid exemption act, but a very poor conscription act. It has produced something like 200,000 exemptions and about 30,000 soldiers.—Hon. F. B. Carvell.

Any hour now we may hear of the Canadian army in France being heavily engaged. They will proudly uphold the splendid record they have established. We at home must fortify ourselves against the results certain to follow a serious enterprise.

The Germans have levied an indemnity of \$2,000,000,000 on little Rumania. What would be the indemnity we would have to pay were Germany victorious in this war? Those who oppose the government's conscription measures should turn that fact over in their minds.

It wasn't financial gain that prompted our boys to go to France to be wounded or killed. They responded to a much higher motive. Should we at home, farmers included, in view of this fact, put financial considerations before those of our country, our empire and our common humanity?

More than fifty municipalities in Ontario have adopted the Penny Bank System in the public schools, and with splendid results. Toronto, Ottawa, St. Thomas, Belleville, Guelph, etc., are in line. Why does Kingston continue to lag behind? Now, at all times, is the occasion when children should be encouraged in habits of thrift and saving.

Do the members of the Laurier opposition in parliament, enquires the Belleville Intelligencer, realize that the Canadian soldiers at the front are not playing politics and can give the Kaiser no six months' hold, but must face his hosts to-day, to-morrow, and every day he sees fit to hurl them forward? It is men behind the bayonets at the front which will win the war, not six months' holdists in parliament.

THE LOST PROVINCE. Quebec, says the Belleville Intelligencer, will soon be known as the Last Province—last to enlist, last to accept conscription, prohibition and woman suffrage, and against everything that is favored

by the other provinces of Canada: against Britain, against the war against the government, against Canada as a whole and Ontario in particular. Quebec is a laggard in every progressive movement, and seems to stand only For Quebec. For Laurier. For a hyphenated Canada. As a Last Province Quebec is a distinct success, and persistence in its present course may land it in the rank as a Lost Province.

DON'T GROUSE. Grousing is a generic name for the grumbling to which everyone admits that soldiers at the front have a right. It is a safety valve for men under intense pressure. It doesn't so much matter what the grousing is about as that the men have an opportunity to grumble about something and "let off steam."

But grousing takes on a quite different aspect when it is indulged in behind the lines. It becomes demoralizing and a disservice to the men who are enduring the horrors and the monotony of the front. Many people, for instance, are going to grouse when they find that their favorite restaurant cannot serve them with the accustomed foods on certain days. Others will grouse at having to pay additional taxes or at curtailment of their expenditures on luxuries.

There is no room for grouse in Canada to-day. Let the men at the front do the grouting. They are paying with a heavy price for their right to cuss everything in or out of sight. The least we at home can do is to put up cheerfully with such restrictions as are found necessary and to impose on ourselves a little of the self-discipline which Germany finds it so necessary to supplement with discipline imposed from above.

AN UNNECESSARY CHANGE. It may seem a small thing for the Public Utilities Commission to decide to charge water consumers the gross rate if they fail to pay their bills on the day appointed, but it is going to create a good deal of dissatisfaction and protest. There is no need of this action by the Utilities Commission. To penalize consumers to the extent of twenty per cent, because they happen to call at the Commission's collection office on the 21st instead of the 20th to pay their rates is not very friendly to say the least, and possibly ten per cent of the water consumers are affected.

For twenty-five years a discount of twenty per cent has been allowed on water accounts paid within twenty days from the first of each quarter, and consumers paying any time during the quarter have been entitled to a proportion of this discount. These conditions appear on the face of the bill and they were adopted after a good deal more thought than the Utilities Commission on Monday gave to its decision to charge the gross rate for one day's delinquency. Water rates are payable in advance, unlike gas and electric rates, which cannot be paid until the service is rendered. The water consumer pays on the 20th of April for something that is not delivered in full until the 30th of June.

It is to be hoped that the Utilities Commission will reconsider its decision and continue the old rule of giving a proportion of the water discount to consumers according to the time in the quarter when the bill is paid. If it does not do this, then consumers who are delinquents for one day will have the privilege of withholding payment until the last day of the quarter, as the gross rate is not collectable until that time.

DOING OUR BIT. When our soldier boys return to Canada they will bring back with them the record of an achievement of which the whole world will know. Their heroic deeds, their splendid fighting qualities, their unconquerable spirit, have already brought glory and fame to the Land of the Maple Leaf. They are to-day writing the history of world-freedom with their blood.

While they are achieving the task of giants, what are YOU doing? The least you can do is to conserve and save, produce and contribute. Let no war cause, however humble, find in you an unwilling supporter. Let no appeal to your patriotism go unanswered. When the government, possessing confidential information denied to the general public, decides on the adoption of drastic measures, it is your duty to stand resolutely behind those upon whom heavy responsibility rests. This is the great world-struggle of the common people against the forces of militarism and autocracy. Democracy is on trial for its life. Every man who attaches any value to his individual freedom, every man who believes in the justice of right over might, every man who stands for decency and righteousness, must to-day willingly, gladly, place his all upon the altar. There should be no withholding of any service which it is in his power to render.

In the hour of triumph, when our

soldiers return from the mighty enterprise in which they are now engaged, how can we look them in the face without a blush of shame unless we who have stayed at home have strengthened their hands in every possible way? The voice of conscience must furnish the answer.

PUBLIC OPINION

Surprises. (Macon Telegraph) Germany announced she had several surprises for the big drive. Of course, she didn't figure on the one the British and French handed her when they declined to be steam-rollered.

The Loyal Irish. (Cochester Herald) It may be as John Dillon suggests, "an insane blunder," to apply conscription to Ireland. If so, one suspects that all the loyal Irish are on the bring line in France or Belgium.

Two Good Points. (Toronto Telegram) Daylight saving will add an hour to the length of the summer evenings. September will be saved from early darkness. Early darkness ends the summer in this climate. A month after daylight saving is established Canadian agriculturists will have adjusted itself to the change of time.

Why? (Ottawa Journal-Press) The new United States condition bill provides penalties of twenty years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for breach of the prohibition of language and actions of disloyalty or obstruction to war efforts. Why doesn't Canada go to the root of some of its troubles by providing and imposing such penalties for seditious speech and action?

A Sign Of Health. (Seattle Post Intelligencer) "Grousing" is a recognized privilege of the British Tommy. He is expected to complain, and his habit of fault finding is looked upon as a virtue in England. If he should stop, England would fear for his fighting moral and shudder over the outcome of the next engagement with the Boche. As long as Tommy is voicing his objections to the quality of his jam, the quantity of his tea or the durability of his biscuits, England feels safe. She knows he is in first-class fighting trim.

Carvell "Over The Top." (Ottawa Citizen) Mr. Carvell's economy with public funds may not be pleasing to the inveterate patronage politicians of the Maritime Provinces—where Government wharves have an odor of sanctity about them almost like State churches. People who don't know his patronage habit down there can hardly appreciate Mr. Carvell's courage in cutting into it. But the Union Minister of Public Works is one leader definitely over the top against patronage.

Proclamation of Parliament by May 16th, or May 18th, is hoped for by the Government.

Military Matters

Lieut. R. D. Street, public representative under the M.S.A., came down from Ottawa to-day.

The work of the Military Service Act is proceeding under the supervision of the district registrar. The office of the public representative is engaged in review work, the local military representatives formerly engaged with the local tribunals, being called in to review the cases with a view to appealing from the former decisions. This work is not affected by the decision of Parliament cancelling the exemption of all persons aged 20 to 22, except that they are subject to immediate call or in the order chosen by the district registrar.

Considerable comment is being heard concerning a recent order issued by the military authorities to the effect that men once enlisted under the Military Service Act may not be discharged unless they are in category E which means that they are totally unfit for service.

It has been claimed that this order is working much hardship among some of the men who have been called to the colors. When first examined they were put in category A but on re-examination after enlistment a number were found to be in category C or fit for service only in Canada.

The result has been that they have been transferred to do fatigue work instead of regular infantry drill and cannot be discharged owing to the order that has been issued. This, they assert, is unfair as they believe that in the first case they should not have been called to the colors as A men when in reality they were in category C—a class which has not been summoned.

Whether the military authorities have learned of the hardship that the order is working in some cases is not known, but it is thought that pressure will be exerted to have the order rescinded.

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STILL ON THE ROCKS.

Rheinland's Hull Ripped For Ninety-Nine Feet. (Stockholm, April 24.—The German battleship Rheinland, which went ashore on the rocks of Aland Islands, three weeks ago, is still firmly wedged on the Lagskar reef. A fleet of smaller war craft and tugs are working day and night in an effort to dislodge the vessel.

Hon. William Currie, Speaker of the New Brunswick Legislature, is accused of requesting a scaler to reduce his report, on which stumpage is paid, by 2,500,000 feet for the Continental Lumber Company, of Restigouche County, N.B. He denies the charges.

Three more priests of the New York Archdiocese have left their churches to become first lieutenants in the United States army. They are Fathers Quin, Gavin and Rothlauf.

John Galna, ex-M.P., one of the pioneers of Parry Sound, passed away after a lengthy illness.

A by-product of the crop is officially announced for Grimsby district this season.

Rippling Rhymes

DYING FOR NOTHING

I hate to die—and so do you—it's such a foolish thing to do. We feel, when we are casting in, that dissolution is a sin, it's such a waste of hair and bones, and all the flesh a mortal owns. We lead our safe and sheltered lives; we rear our kids and feed our wives; we've lived in fat commercial times, resolving everything to dinner. Our frugal instincts show that waste is sin by which we are disgraced, and so it causes us distress to lose the number of our mess; for death is waste, the thing we dread; there is no rake-off for the dead. The war some consolation brings; it's showing us a lot of things; it's teaching us how men may die and make a noble gain thereby. "How sleep the brave who sink to rest, by all their country's wishes blest!" The soldier out in yonder strive who gives his warm and ardent life, that tyrants and their plots may fall, that freedom shall again prevail, is wasting nothing when he dies, but drawing down a golden prize, and men will see that lilies bloom about the portals of his tomb. "And Freedom shall awhile repair, to dwell, a weeping hermit, there." And so we spoke in maudlin haste when we declared that death is waste.

—WALT MASON.

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