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While the conservators are about it, they might save all that broad expanse of four-in-hand necktie that is so carefully concealed under your breast.—Oswego Daily News.

Turkey is at loggerheads with Bulgaria; Austria-Hungary writhes beneath the German yoke. An Allied victory on the western front today would have far-reaching results.

A motor boat ride in the harbor on Saturday morning ended with the seizure of a bottle of whiskey and the appearance in police court of two women and a man. It was a wet trip any way you look at it.

Every employer of labor should gladly give first place to the claims of the returned soldier. The same qualities of loyalty and steadfastness which made these men fight for their country are just the qualities most needed in employees.

The German birth rate has dropped 40 per cent. in the last three years. The statistics in regard to the death rate are not given out. They might stagger humanity. Given a few more months of war and the Hun will collapse of exhaustion.

A new factory located at Port Hope is now making children's toys. Formerly these goods, for the most part, came from Germany. The war has taught us to depend more and more upon ourselves and less upon foreign nations. Out of a great evil has come some good.

Editor William McDonald, of Chesley, Ont., announces that he is going to keep a pig, "just to have that Flavell feeling for one season." The "editorial pen," remarks the Walkerton Telescope, from now on will have two meanings. The Chesley editor will hereafter have no excuse for not "bringing home the bacon."

The Faith, the first concrete steamer to be built in the United States, is in command of a former Sunbury boy, Capt. R. E. Connell. Her recent trial trip in the bay at San Francisco was most successful. The little Frontenac village should be proud of its son. Canadians in the United States, as well as Canadians at the front, have the happy faculty of accomplishing big things.

Uneasy lies the head that once wore a crown. Ex-Czar Nicholas, of Russia, is now to be tried by court-martial in Moscow. The Bolsheviks are not likely to show him much mercy. They remember all too well his failure to show mercy, in the day when his word was omnipotent, to thousands of his subjects. He proved a traitor to the Allies, and now seems destined to meet a traitor's fate.

American sentiment in regard to Great Britain has undergone a wonderful change since the war began. These two powerful Anglo-Saxon nations have drawn close together, a movement which Canada and the other overseas dominions note with pleasure. The Syracuse Post Standard sums up the American attitude in these words: "We know now that we can trust England; we must trust her and hold her friendship, and Britain must hold ours. A quarrel would be double suicide, now or later."

OF WHAT AVAIL? A large deputation of Canadian farmers waited upon the government at Ottawa to protest against calling to the colors men from the farms. They proclaimed the necessity of producing more food in order that the soldiers and the civilians may not starve. But what will it avail us if the enemy is to eat the food we produce?

Representatives of the farmers are still in Ottawa, hoping to prevail upon the government to grant further exemptions to agricultural laborers. The premier has plainly and courageously told them that the serious condition of the Allied cause to-day demands that every available man should be sent to the firing line. It is no longer a question of what the government would like to do, but of what it must do if we are to remain free and unconquered. If Germany, now triumphant through all eastern Europe, should win this war, what would it matter to the Canadian farmer how much food he might raise? What would it matter to him how high or low the price of wheat or cheese might be fixed? He would be working fourteen hours a day under German taskmasters, and would be forced to witness the humiliation of his wife and daughters. Only one thing on earth can save him from this fate, and that is the placing of more and yet more men on the western front. Germany is now gathering her forces for another formidable thrust—the greatest yet attempted—toward the channel ports.

According to a recent cable from Casper Whitney, the New York Tribune's representative in France, a distinguished French officer declares that the supreme need to-day is more men. His message to the United States is: "Waste no tonnage in carrying food and munitions for the French, but send men, men, and brigade them with the French and the British." The need is paramount, vital. Unless we are content to see the Canadian armies already in the field overwhelmed and destroyed, we cannot refuse to send them reinforcements. All classes of people, the farmer included, must be prepared to make further sacrifices for the common cause. A government which weakened its determination to vigorously prosecute the war would be an everlasting disgrace to Canada.

WHAT OF THE IDLERS? It is to-day an offence for any man in Canada to be idle. The man unfit for military duty is supposed to be actively and continually engaged in some useful occupation. Anyone who fails in this latter respect proves himself to be the worst kind of a slacker. He is not only a useless drone, but he is a positive burden upon the fighter and the producer. He reaps where he does not sow, and exists by the labor of others who are more industrious. He is a parasite, who should not be tolerated any longer.

These are days of grim necessity when we must bear the heavy burden on that red, relentless war places upon our shoulders. The duty of every man, young or old, is clear and unmistakable: he must stand ready to do his share, to give to his country the best service at his disposal. Anything less than this will meet with the severest condemnation of the people. Anything less than this is disloyalty to the flag that protects him and to the gallant lads who are fighting his battles for him in France and Flanders.

It is needless to enquire if there are any such idle men in Kingston. They are holding up the street corners, filling up the entrances to picture shows and tobacco shops and crowding the pool rooms. A visit to the latter places any day of the week will reveal the presence, not of scores, but of hundreds of young men. In fact, their number is so large that additional accommodation is needed. On Montreal street a new building is in course of erection for the express purpose of meeting this demand. And all this at a time when the city has not enough homes to house its people and when every available man is sorely needed at the front. One marvels at the number of men who do not yet seem to know that we are at war. Some one should tell them.

A PATRIOTIC SERVICE.

A registration of the manhood and womanhood strength of this country is to be taken on some day in June, probably the 22nd. The Whig has already voiced its protest against the threatened introduction of party patronage into the work of registration. It has advocated the utilization of returned men for this work, provided qualified men could be found among the veterans, and there is no reason to doubt that such men could not be found. The Union Government, however, cannot afford to permit the appointment of registrars, whether veterans or civilians, to be confined exclusively to members of the old Conservative party. Such unmistakable evidence of the re-introduction of patronage would be bitterly resented throughout the country and would be a grave menace to the cause of Union Government.

appointments should, as far as possible, be on a fifty-fifty basis. Sir Robert Borden must make it clear to the country that this registration is taken in the interests of the Allied cause, and not with the object of distributing patronage to former party followers.

School teachers and members of women's organizations are to be invited to assist in the work of registration, as they possess special qualifications in this respect. In asking for their voluntary service we are but following the example set by various cities and states in the neighboring republic. John M. Godfrey, superintendent of registration in the Toronto military district, is giving his services free, and the registrars and the subordinate officials appointed by him will serve without remuneration. Thus in one district at least, patriotism takes the place of partyism. Toronto has set a worthy example for other military districts.

PUBLIC OPINION

Germany. (Troy Times) A resident of England, of German birth and held in a detention camp, committed suicide because the government proposed to send him back to Germany. The incident indicates the opinion some Germans entertain regarding Germany as a dwelling place just now.

Time For Action. (New York Sun) It is no time for jeremiads and vain regrets now. They should all be drowned out in the whirl of aircraft machinery running night and day, full time and overtime, at the highest speed pressure that roaring fires under the boilers can drive them.

Daylight Saving. (Utica Herald-Dispatch) There is one thing about the daylight saving proposition that is noteworthy. The robins and the rest of the feathered choir continue to do business according to the old timetable. Mere man may fall for the camouflage, but the birds aren't deceived for a York second.

Airplane Situation. (Indianapolis News) Borglum insists there has been no proper judicial inquiry into the airplane situation. If we have spent \$1,000,000,000 without getting one serviceable airplane, it would appear that a place might yet be found in some of the federal prisons for those who got the money.

Tribute to Canada. (Buffalo Express) Canada has done wonderfully well thus far with its war finance, and there is every reason to expect that she will keep this pace to the end. Canada is enormously rich in undeveloped resources and her promises to pay are among the best securities in the world. As a matter of fact,

there is practically no difference between Canada and the United States so far as financial responsibility is concerned. After the war there is bound to be a rapid development of Canada's resources with great increase in the visible wealth.

TIDINGS FOR OUR READERS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraphic Service and Newspaper Exchange.

Officers of the permanent force are to be allowed to go overseas. Judge William H. Wadhams, New York, in an address at Westminster, England, said the formation of a league of nations required a victory of the Allies.

Mrs. Collin H. Campbell, daughter of Dr. Buck, Palermo, Ont., has accepted the honorary colonelcy of the Winnipeg Women's Volunteer Reserve.

William B. Rogers, postmaster of Toronto, suddenly collapsed on Friday and died of heart failure in his sixty-sixth year.

Grand Trunk earnings for the second week of May were \$1,480,803, an increase of \$124,257 over the same week a year ago.

Dr. T. E. Case of Duncannon was nominated candidate for the Legislature by the North Huron Conservative convention at Wingham.

Guelph firemen tendered their resignation over a question of wage increase, and all were accepted by the Council, except that of the Chief.

Dutch farmers are opposing search of their houses for hoarded food and threaten if the Government persists in its action to plough up the grain sowed this season.

In New York President Wilson reviewed the great Red Cross parade and gave an address preparatory to the Red Cross drive for a \$100,000,000 war fund.

The total of the third Liberty loan is \$1,170,019,650, an oversubscription of 29 per cent. above the three billion minimum sought. The number of subscribers is about \$17,000,000.

The Watertown, N.Y., police department is preparing to make a census of dog owners and harborers early in June and several hundred canines now unregistered will be disposed of.

Smith's Falls Man Found Dead. Smith's Falls, May 19.—L. E. Bradley, a C.P.R. employee, and a well known resident of this town, was found dead in bed at his home, 62 Mill street, on Thursday evening, when his son, Frank Bradley, returned from work. A very sad feature in connection with his death is that Mrs. Bradley, his wife, was away in the States saying good-bye to her other son who is leaving for overseas.

Food For The Swiss. Geneva, May 20.—Three large vessels loaded with cereals destined for Switzerland and escorted by an American warship, have arrived safely at a French Atlantic port, according to the Tagblatt of Berne.

Rippling Rhymes

KEEPING COOL I still am calmly speaking of war and swords and flags, while friends of mine are shrieking, and rending of their rage. I never saw much profit in people running wild, and borrowing from Tophet hot language that's defiled; I see no good in handing blue curses to the foe; it will not aid in landing a solar plexus blow. In raving and in ranting I see no earthly good; that fellow's most enchanting who calmly says his wood. I am a loyal fellow, but so are other boys; I do not call them yellow because they make less noise. Oh, I get sick as blazes of that abnormal bore who roasts, in redd't phrases, the gent who lives next door; because said gent is quiet, and doth all fust abhor, and can't believe that riot will help to win the war. Our President serenely a good example sets, to every voter queenly who paws around and frets. His grievous load he carries, still, and does not pause to swear, while frantic Dicks and Harrys are clawing at the air. He springs no language bitter and yet all nations know that Woodrow is no quitter, and does not fear the foe. We cannot whip the Teuton, or chill his large splay feet, with language highfalutin, with curses and repeat. —WALT MASON.

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