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England's difficulty is still Ireland's opportunity.

General Korniloff is again reported dead. Some of these Russian leaders appear to have as many lives as a cat.

Economy means money wisely saved. Thrift means money wisely spent. These are days when it is the duty of every man to practice both economy and thrift.

The Canada Food Board is wise against the holding of banquets and all meetings where refreshments are served. Pink teas and church socials, we bid you a lingering farewell.

The Hunns have given up hope of a victory this year, and now warn their people to prepare for a fifth winter of war. They will ere long be forced to give up all hopes of victory.

Sunday night's air raid in England resulted in the death of twenty women and children and the wounding of seventy-six others. With the Hun it is clearly a case of "women and children first."

The city property committee shows commendable enterprise in recommending to council an expenditure of \$1,000 toward the repair of the fair grounds buildings. Manager Bushell encouraged the proposal by guaranteeing that the fair association would spend a like amount in improving the city's property. The city council should not hesitate in endorsing the committee's action.

Senator William Deans has introduced a motion to the effect that the Hansard of the Senate be abolished in the cause of economy. He points out that its publication costs the country \$53,000 a year, that the book is never seen by the public, is rarely read by the editors of newspapers, is not necessary and is an unjustifiable waste of public money. This charge presents a rather strong argument against the publication.

If any present-day Sinn Féin leaders have been conspiring with Germany—as earlier ones certainly did—they will get small sympathy in the republic that has ever been a great aid and support in the cause of Irish Home Rule.—New York Herald.

The evidence of such conspiracy is in the hands of the British military authorities, and they have wisely announced their intention to make it public.

The United States, like Great Britain, is in this war to the very end, no matter how far off that end may be. In an address on behalf of the Red Cross on Friday night, President Wilson said: "I have heard gentlemen recently say that we must get five million men ready. Why limit it to five million? This determination to see the thing through to a finish will, in the end, render abortive any temporary success which the Germans may achieve.

Parliament wasted several valuable hours on Monday evening while French Canadian members "sniped" at Mr. Rowell. They insisted on knowing whether his private secretary had written a certain letter to the Toronto Globe, refusing to be content with the minister's assurance

that no such letter had been written in business hours and that the rest of the secretary's time was his own to dispose of as he liked. Such petty hectoring is beneath the dignity of parliament.

BACK TO THE FARM.

The "Back to the Farm" movement has received considerable of an impetus as a direct result of the war. The farm help recruited from nearby towns and villages will play its part in the work of greater production. Moreover, most of these farm hands will work near their own homes, which means a greater guarantee for steady increase of agricultural resources than could be the case if a mobilized army of drafted workers were sent out in battalions over the country.

What the present urgent demand for farm labor should do is to better local conditions, put town loafers to work, open to the farmer immediate sources of help upon which he can rely hereafter when need arises, and convince a considerable portion of the population that "back to the farm" is one of the easiest and best paying, as well as at the present time one of the most patriotic, movements man or boy can make.

THE COURAGE THAT COUNTS.
The brightest pages in the story of heroism that is being written in this war will not contain the exploits of masses of men rushing into battle. It will bear the records of individual lives. One such life was ended by a German firing squad somewhere in France the other day—the life of a French boy.

Captured by a German patrol, this boy was commanded to tell whether there were any French troops around. His reply, as recorded by a writer for the Associated Press, was: "I know nothing; there are none here."

Soon after that the Germans were attacked from ambush. The German commander asked the young captive of sixteen years if he had not known anything about the ambush. The boy, "with a proud smile," declined to deny that he had known. Then he was stood up before the firing squad, refusing to permit his eyes to be bandaged, and fell without a whimper or a groan.

It is recorded by the Associated Press that the German commander said, in relating the incident:

"Infatuated boy; it was a pity to see such wasted courage."

Wasted courage?
Not in that boy, facing the firing squad with open eyes spoke the spirit of France; spoke the soul of Jeanne d'Arc, of William Tell. That boy, in language that speaks to the heart of humanity, proclaimed before the firing squad that France cannot be conquered.

AERIAL TRAFFIC

"Mail by airplane" signals the advent of a new instrument of commerce.

The limit of charges for aerial mail, established last week between New York, Washington and Philadelphia, was fixed at twenty-four cents per ounce. It is expensive service, but it is likely to become cheaper when the service is organized. In its organization and development there will doubtless be used thousands of airplanes that will return from France. But until the war is over not many machines or fliers will be used to carry mail bags.

Canada, the land of long distances, offers exceptional opportunities for the development of aerial mail service. The day letter and night letter of the telegraph companies have pre-empted much of the field which the air mail would occupy if those telegraphic services were not available. Still, documents cannot be sent by wire, and there are plenty of rush messages, personal or confidential, which cannot be entrusted to anyone to read.

Air mail will stimulate trade in ways in which we cannot now foresee. Modern business has developed because of the constant improvement of modern transmission of intelligence. Business transactions are only consummated after negotiations between people a distance apart. What-ever facilitates and speeds those negotiations facilitates business.

Airplanes do not to-day promise to be freight carriers; they seem rather to be suited only for mail and passenger service. And yet we accepted the dictum of Albert Chevalier:

"Merchandise to the waterways,
Merchants to the railways."

We may have aerial coal carriers some day. In the meantime the airplanes will have an important field in carrying valuable parcels, samples, etc.—the higher class of traffic now falling to the express companies.

An Honor Left.
(Vancouver Province)
The inventive genius who, after this war is over, is able to conceive of any untried system of taxation or novel method of extracting currency from the public will be entitled to honorary life membership in the exclusive order of the Golden Fleece.

Russia's Long-Eared.
(Philadelphia, North American)
The Bolsheviks are again warning Germany that if she deprives them of all power of resistance they will fight.

NO UKRAINIAN FOOD FOR HUNS

Supplies Promised the German People Have Failed to Materialize.

OFFICIALS RUSH TO KIEFF

TO TRY AND HASTEN SHIPMENT OF FOODSTUFFS TO BERLIN.

New Cut in Rations—Morale of the People is Steadily Weakening, It is Admitted.

London, May 22.—The Ukrainian food bubble has burst. Despatches from Amsterdam as well as semi-official news from Germany confirm previous reports that the supplies the German people were assured would be furnished them following the peace treaty have failed to materialize. On the contrary, Ukrainian farmers are refusing to sell grain to the Germans while the peasants' assemblies have decided to burn and destroy all grain and other provisions rather than hand them over to the Germans, who they now consider enemies. Practically the only supplies the Germans have been able to secure: they have taken by force, while the poorer classes are thus deprived of their sole source of subsistence, are suffering from hunger. That Germany is in urgent needs of Ukrainian supplies is revealed by a semi-official despatch from Berlin, stating that three officials of the Food Controller's Department have gone to Kieff to attempt to hasten the shipment of foodstuffs to Berlin. The Lokal Anzeiger admits that both the grain and forage crops of Germany are unfavorable and that the Government had been forced to depend upon Rumanian and Ukraine. Expectations from both have been unrealized, especially in the case of Ukraine, as according to the Lokal Anzeiger only one-fourth of the expected amount of grain was secured up to the middle of April, of which two-thirds went to Austria. Up to the present the Kieff to attempt to hasten the shipment of foodstuffs to Berlin. The Lokal Anzeiger admits that both the grain and forage crops of Germany are unfavorable and that the Government had been forced to depend upon Rumanian and Ukraine. Expectations from both have been unrealized, especially in the case of Ukraine, as according to the Lokal Anzeiger only one-fourth of the expected amount of grain was secured up to the middle of April, of which two-thirds went to Austria. Up to the present the

Government is fearful of the effect upon the already pinched population of this additional hardship and is making every endeavor to avoid taking this step. Conditions are exercising an effect upon the offensive on the Western front according to information from Germany. The morale of the people is steadily weakening and the German high command will strive to offset the depression caused by the failure of the Ukrainian supplies.

Peterboro Man Fell Dead.
Peterboro, May 20.—George J. Chalmers dropped dead at his home on Thursday evening. His wife heard a heavy thud in an adjoining room, and rushing in found her husband lying dead on the floor. Heart failure was the cause. He is survived by his widow, one son, Alexander, of Newbury, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. William Fair, of Toronto, and Mrs. William Armstrong, of Hamilton.

Fully Exonerated.
Cobourg, May 21.—The Inquest. Dr. George H. Ferris presiding, empaneled here to inquire into the circumstances of the death of John Pachard, the late toll-keeper at the gate west of this town on the Cobourg-Port Hope road, fully exonerated Arnold J. Plankett, of this town, the driver of the car, from all negligence or blame.

Thin Footing.
First Hobo.—We won't get anything there, Horace, they look as poor as church mice.
Second Weary.—Yes, I know; they say all they married on was the church carpet.

Horses for Slaughter.
Zurich, May 22.—Horses for slaughter were sold on the Vienna market on Tuesday at the unprecedented price of from £75 to £100 sterling.

Rippling Rhymes

MAN POWER

They're talking now of drafting men whose years have numbered fifty, and hope springs in my breast again, the prospects now seem nifty. Before this beastly war it done, fool rules will go a-skiting, and royal gents who weigh a ton may go and do some fighting. They've barred me out because I'm fat and deaf and broken winded; and rules responsible for that I hope will be rescinded. When first we broke into the game, Apollos were demanded; "We do not want the old or lame"—the officers were candid. "No man is fit to chase the Hun unless he's like Narcissus." And so I dropped my sword and gun and went home to the missus. "They're mighty choice," said Jane, "my lad, to turn down beefy writers; but wait a while, and they'll be glad to get such deadly fighters." And now it seems that Jane was right; the sergeant's gives his age as fifty, and pretty soon the fat and bald, the spavined and the sweetened, will from the paths of peace be called, by Uncle Sam subpoenaed. For paths of peace I care no hoot, I burn with martial ardor; I long to slay the kraut fed Teut, and confiscate his larder. Let down the bars! Let every skate who wants to fight go fighting, though hequn score three hundredweight, as I do at this writing!

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN
By GENE BYRNES



NEWS FROM HAMLIN, ALBERTA.

School Still Closed as Teachers are Very Scarce.

Hamlin, Alberta, May 13.—The weather is very dry here and rain is needed badly. The farmers are nearly all through seeding and some grain is above ground.

Sherman and Raymond Huff made a trip to Vegreville last week. Miss Gladys Franklin spent the day with Miss Doris Tillpaugh. Wood-ree Myers visited at John Franklin's.

Arthur West bought a mare and colt from John Shapca last week. There are no prospects of the school opening yet. Teachers seem to be very scarce here. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ryan motored from Vegreville yesterday to visit her brother, Charles Tillpaugh. Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. West made a flying trip to Sacred Heart mission on Friday last.

Everybody has out fires burning of their sloughs. Mr. McFarlane, of Lavoy, made a trip to his homestead here last week. Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane are working for a rancher at Lavoy. Nick Luzzek's dance last week was well attended.

Mrs. Dupee and daughter, of Montreal, are here on a visit at her daughter's. Mrs. Clairmont's, Chester Huff is home after spending the winter in a lumber camp west of Edmonton. Frank Glimps has bought a half section south of the river and intends selling his farm up here.

The farmers are getting out poles for their new telephone line. Mrs. Franklin is at Mrs. Flynn's. John Hokman spent Easter with his wife and family on their homestead.

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